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WORLD OF RADIO 1734 CONTENTS: *DX and station news about:
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SHORTWAVE AIRINGS OF WORLD OF RADIO 1734, August 14-20, 2014
Thu 0330 WRMI 9955 [confirmed]
Thu 1230 WRMI 9955 [confirmed, with France via Taiwan QRM]
Fri 0326v WWRB 3185 [confirmed at 0331, still instead of 5050]
Fri 2130 WRMI 7570 & 15770 [NEW, confirmed but 1733 replay]
Sat 0630 HLR 7265-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio
Sat 1430 HLR 7265-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio
Sun 0100 WRMI 5950 [NEW, confirmed]
Sun 0131 KVOH 9975 [off the air after trying 0123-0126]
Mon 0300v WBCQ 5110v-CUSB Area 51
Tue 1100 WRMI 9955 [still with France via Taiwan QRM?]
Wed 0630 HLR 7265-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio
Wed 1315 WRMI 9955
Wed 1430 HLR 7265-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio
Wed 2100 WBCQ 7490v
Thu 0330 WRMI 9955 [or 1735 if ready in time]

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<http://www.worldofradio.com/radioskd.html> or
<http://schedule.worldofradio.org> or <http://sked.worldofradio.org>

For updates see our Anomaly Alert page:
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WORLD OF RADIO PODCASTS HAVE RESUMED starting with #1730:
Tnx to Dr Harald Gabler and the Rhein-Main Radio Club.
http://www.rmrc.de/index.php?option=com_podcast&view=feed&format=raw&Itemid=156&lang=de
or directly via:
<http://bit.ly/1xD5yyn>
Also via [but still not back in service]:
<http://tunein.com/radio/World-of-Radio-p198/>
AND NEW ALTERNATIVE, tnx Stephen Cooper, because RMRC was down:
<http://shortwave.am/wor.xml>

OUR ONDEMAND AUDIO:
<http://www.worldofradio.com/audiomid.html>
or <http://wor.worldofradio.org>

DAY-BY-DAY ARCHIVE OF GLENN HAUSER'S LOG REPORTS:
Unedited, uncondensed, unchanged from original version, many of them too complex, minutely researched, multi-frequency, opinionated, inconsequential, off-topic, or lengthy for some log editors to manage; and also ahead of their availability in these weekly issues:
<http://www.hard-core-dx.com/index.php?topic=Hauser>

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<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dxld/>

** ALASKA. 9655, KNLS, 1000 usual opening of English with IS twice, English ID with QTH, then IS again, and start of English program. (7 August) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** ALGERIA [non]. 13820, Aug 10 at 1927, RTA via FRANCE is the only SW frequency I can find with some soporific music suitable for my napping, i.e. Qur'an; but soon on to peppier secular music and Arabic talk; fair signal (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANTARCTICA. See KUWAIT

** ARGENTINA. Unid on 530. Man, I wish I had more time for DXing here in Chile. There's a lot of electrical noise inside the hotel room, and

everywhere else in the city. To get away from it, I have to go sit on the beach away from the power lines and street lights, but it's cold out there, being winter here.

Anywho, there is a certain spot in the hotel room where I can orient my radio just so and eliminate most of the noise on some frequencies. One of those is 530 kHz. I get a couple of stations beating against each other, with likely a third one causing a pattern of repetitive fading over a period of several seconds.

The audio on all of them is very weak and unintelligible. Occasionally one fades up enough to actually hear words, but it never lasts for very long. The few times it's faded up enough, the language is Spanish, so it's not Falkland Islands which I think is off the air at night anyway.

Does anyone know of any 530 kHz stations in South America? I don't rule out that one of these signals may be the Relaxin' With Raul station, but that's a long way off from here. (approx 6000 km / 3700 miles).

US AM Database, updated daily:

<http://mesamike.org/radio/cdbs/amdb.mvc>

My Logbooks:

<http://dxlogbook.gentoo.net/?account=mikew>

Reception report and QSL manager for KRSN 1490

ñ (Mike Westfall, Los Alamos, NM [old signature; really circa Cerro Tololo, Chile], Aug 10, ABDX via DXLD)

Hey Mike, in Buenos Aires there is La Voz de Las Madres

http://es.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/La_Voz_de_las_Madres

I think around 530 or 520 there's also a transmitter in Falklands/Malvinas. -- pu3hag huelbe (Huelbe Garcia, Brasil, ibid.)

Oh, thanks! That's a definite possibility. I'll see if what I hear matches up with the internet stream. ñ (Mike Westfall, ibid.)

Argentina on the extreme ends of the band --- Two loggings to report from standing on the beach with the SRF-M37V + RS Loop and Olympus VN-701PC voice recorder:

530 kHz, Argentina, Buenos Aires province, San Justo, 10 Aug 2014, at 2313 CLT [sic == Chile local time? that would be UT -4 now --- gh]. Radio Madre, listed as only 3 kW, so that explains why it's so weak. On a good fade-in, was strong enough to get a decent recording. Still wonder what's beating against it though. Callsign unknown. Audio:
<http://mesamike.org/radio/mwdx/audio/lscdx/madre-0530-ARG-20140810-2313.mp3>

1710 kHz, Argentina, Buenos Aires province, Castelar. 10 Aug 2014 at 2315 CLT. Radio Imagen, blaring in and and playing polka music. Spot for radio show on Sundays from 8:00 - 11:00 PM. Don't know callsign or power. Audio:
<http://mesamike.org/radio/mwdx/audio/lscdx/imagen-1710-ARG-20140810-2315.mp3>

The X-band seems to be fully populated by Argentine radio stations as I could hear them on all 11 channels. ñ (Mike Westfall, La Serena, Chile, ibid.)

** ARGENTINA. 15345.22, Aug 3, 1916, R. Nacional, culture, Spanish, good. Buoni ascolti estivi! (Giampiero Bernardini, Italy, Drake R7 - Perseus, playdx yg via DXLD)

** ASCENSION ISLAND. 5975, BBCWS, English news fair signal of S=7-8 or -80dBm at 0507 UT news on Kurdistan clashes in Iraq. But \\ 6005 kHz is much stronger in NJ and MA-US remotes this morning Aug 11. But less strong on \\ 7355 kHz, and tiny also on 11945 kHz.

Similar strength also VoA ASC 6035 kHz in Hausa at 05-0530 UT, and 9440 kHz at 0535 UT (Wolfgang B,schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. 2368.48, Radio Symban is becoming semi-regular here; August 12 from 1303 to 1328; usual Greek music and no announcements. My local sunrise was 1323 UT. Attached audio made at 1322. One of their better days!

2368.48, Radio Symban. Email response to my Aug 12 report to Angelo: "Thank you Ron. The synchronization [??] has yet to be completed. We are pleased to learn that the reception is already working well. We ask that you please assist us by giving us regular feedback on the reception of the station. Regards, Angelo Matsoukas (Director)"

2368.48, Radio Symban, 1308-1342, August 13. Another day of nice Greek music. Very respectable signal during their tests. Three minute audio <https://app.box.com/s/rona28lawtv8fvdr81w9>
(Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. Looks like today is last day for many Radio Australia programs? Right now (2230 UT Thursday) listening to "Morning" with Phil Kafcaloudes on 17860 kHz and he is interviewing various other program hosts who say with regrets that they will no longer be on the air. He said that next week he will have a shortened program, which apparently will be only highlights of previous programs. He said his show has run for 9 years (Bob LaRose, CA, UT Aug 7, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1734, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Really, such a shame. Phil evoked some of the personality that characterized RA over its existence from Keith Glover to Roger Broadbent all the way to Phil. Soon, there will be nothing of that. RA will be an international relay of Radio National, ABC Local Radio, ABC Grandstand and some television. (Don't you just love it when the reporter tells you to look at something you can't see because you're listening to him/her on the radio?) The listener at least will have those fine programs, which ain't chopped liver. But, still, too much will have been lost and can never be recovered or recreated (John Figliozzi, Halfmoon, NY, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1734, DXLD)

I heard an announcement this morning that the last program of Asia-Pacific will be this Friday Aug. 15. No word on what is replacing it, if anything! (Andy Reid, Ont., Aug 11, dxldydg via WORLD OF RADIO 1734, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The End of the RA English Service - A Personal Commentary

I received this from a friend at Radio Australia this morning:

"Greetings again from down under...

By week's end the RA English Service, as we know it, will have ceased. All original RA programming will have disappeared to be replaced by yet more domestic programming from a range of ABC networks. This Monday and Tuesday, the English language unit received their official marching orders and will be all out the door by next Wednesday. The Asia Pacific News Center will continue to produce news bulletins for part of the day but for the rest it will be like listening to ABC domestic radio.

Most of them would not have chosen to leave. Fortunately, all receive redundancy packages and for those who were with the organisation for some time those packages will be quite large, in dollar terms. Some compensation I suppose. If they had been working in commercial radio they'd be lucky to get much more than a few weeks pay."

So, there you have it. Yes, I suppose the news could have been worse in that shortwave or the service itself could have been shut down entirely. It's true that the net result between this change and the last of the string of previous changes that came before it can be viewed as being merely incremental. However, it's also true that this last change has an air of finality to it -- the proverbial "last nail in the coffin" is not an inappropriate take.

For those of us with a longer memory, the wholesale merger of what we appreciated as an independent international service known as "Radio Australia" into some sort of amalgam that no longer recognizes a

difference in the needs, wants and characteristics of an international audience vis-a-vis a domestic one is not an insignificant nor "happy" occasion. Having it engineered, not as a well thought out coordinated plan to improve services to such audiences, but as another thoroughly last-minute emergency response to an ideological putsch from a government which--let's not put too fine a point on it--lied about its intentions in this regard makes it that much harder to swallow.

The saddest part is that the powers-that-be no longer appear to view such targeted, tailored, well-considered mass international outreach as necessary to a culture's cross-border communication efforts. International understanding is left to social media (shoot-from-the-hip "tweets"), ubiquitous popular culture and commercial ventures whose principal aim is to exploit an audience for pecuniary gain over objectively informing that audience on matters that arguably transcend the mere commercial needs of media sponsors.

To be sure, many if not most "international services" of government-supported broadcasters often did a lousy job of this as well, attempting to exploit such audiences all the same but for the political and ideological benefit of the sponsoring country. However, this was not true of ALL such broadcasters. And this was never true of Radio Australia. Testament to this fact is the sense of loss being expressed by listeners in the Pacific region, a largely geopolitically forgotten area that received special consideration from Radio Australia in a way that no other such broadcaster saw or sees fit (other than Radio New Zealand International, now also apparently under some new duress) to provide.

So, make no mistake. While there still will be a 24/7 shortwave presence from Australia, while that space will likely be filled by thoroughly fine programming from the excellent Radio National, something significant--even vital--has been lost. Probably forever. While some may disagree, I think that's something to lament (John Figliozzi, www.wlgonline.com, Aug 13, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1734, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Keith Perron writes on Facebook: This week a few programs are coming to an end at Radio Australia. On August 18, 2014 a new schedule will take effect. Presenters/producers such as Sen Lam, Tom Payle, Adelaine Ng, Heather Jarvis, Isabelle Genoux, Kim Taylor, Rob Sharp, Lisa Greenough and Phil Kafcaloudes are leaving Radio Australia. Some are taking early retirement and others are going to the ABC. But we need to remember. While it does seem like a lot of people. On air the impact won't be noticed as some may think. For sometime now ABC Radio National programs on Radio Australia have also been making their programs for an audience in the Pacific/Asia.

There are no cuts to shortwave. The cuts that are taking place for the most part has to do with duplication. For example today I heard two reports. One from Radio Australia on Vietnam and then 30 minutes later the same report by the ABC on exactly the same story. Duplication! There is no need. Unlike other broadcasters that have cut back programming, Radio Australia has an excellent source of ABC Radio National programming. So the impact won't even be noticed (via Mike Terry, Aug 13, dxldyg via DXLD)

I will definitely miss Phil Kafcaloudes show. I hope we will still be able to hear from him via ABC (Andy Reid, Ont., ibid.)

His "second to the last" show is on right now at 2135 UT on the usual excellent 17860 kHz channel with repeats of earlier interviews. Sounds like he is leaving ABC altogether. This show has often been a refreshing and informative afternoon diversion in my home office! (Bob LaRose, San Diego, Aug 13, ibid.)

I suspect we will still see cuts in the RA SW output; recall the earlier info that SW would continue "for the time being" which is hardly a ringing affirmation that it will continue. I would think the current transmission schedule is safe through the end of A-14; of course, who knows what is specified in the current contract with the Broadcast Australia transmitter operator.

Having eight or nine simultaneous frequencies for a domestic service relay is rather lavish. Wouldn't make sense to cut all the programming and staff while keeping the same number of transmitters running. Guessing SW to Asia will be dropped while a few Pacific beams remain; at least that would be favorable to us in NA. RA is much more needed in the Pacific where there are fewer domestic choices for radio listening (Steve Luce, Houston, Texas, ibid.)

The big trees are falling (or taking themselves out of the game. No doubt the BBG report had an impact on this. We will soon be left with Cuba, China, Iran and a few Mideast countries, along with some Brazilians and Indonesians, still plugging away on SW (Dan Robinson, DC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. These are some podcasts from international and public radio sources that I've found particularly interesting and edifying as I'm "plodding along" in my regular exercise regimen.

In addition to via the websites referenced, these podcasts generally are made available through several other popular internet sources such as iTunes and TuneIn.

DOWNLOAD THIS SHOW - ABC Radio National

Facebook Experiments, Netflix in Aus, Qleek

Head of Village Roadshow, Graham Burke, insists Netflix is coming to Australia and that piracy will kill off Australian film, but do his claims stack up? Plus, Qleek, the little wooden hexagon that's trying to make digital music feel human. And Facebook experimenting with your brain? Where is the ethical line? (28')

<http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/downloadthisshow/dts222014/5569512>

REAR VISION - ABC Radio National

Brazil --- The largest economy in Latin America and its efforts to deal with poverty and income disparity. (30')

<http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/rearvision/brazil/5480488>

My preferences tend toward documentaries and other spoken word fare that carries a longer shelf life than current affairs programming, for example. But some readers have suggested some interesting programs that don't necessarily within my admittedly somewhat narrow rubric or about which I was either unaware or some reason hadn't sampled. In coming issues, I will highlight some of these as well (John Figliozi, The Worldwide Listening Guide - 6th edition now available, <http://www.lgonline.com> dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

THE PHILOSOPHER'S ZONE - ABC Radio National

Mind the Brain --- Neuroscience might have banished dualist notions of mind and body but it seems that M. Descartes' 350 year-old hunch will not go away. What hasn't helped is the log-jam of schemes trying to explain the dreaded 'c' word. The race is on to build a brain, but the deeper neuroscientists dig into the soggy grey matter the more elusive consciousness becomes. It needn't be according to leading philosopher of mind David Papineau. If only we could accept some deceptively simple advice. (25')

<http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/philosopherszone/mind-the-brain/5500818>

(John Figliozi, NY, Podding Along #12, Aug 12, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. 15450, Aug 8 at 1416, English narration with S Asian accent, background of chirps, fair with flutter. It's the current all-English sesquihour starting 1400 from RBA at 310 degree azimuth from Kununurra.

17760, Aug 10 at 0059, JBA music, first thought maybe WHRI 3 x 5920, but it's already off, and the music sounds S Asian? It's the OSOB. Aoki & HFCC show RBA, going from daily Rawang to Sunday English at 0100; strange I am not hearing RA on 17860 or 17840, altho maybe this was just as they were pausing for QSY. But NW Australia is a long way

from SE Australia propagationally.

11590, Aug 11 at 1320, mostly nice S Asian music including ``Abide with Me`` hymn tune till 1345 RBA ID briefly in English. On Mondays that would be Tamil service, switching at 1330 to Hindi, per EiBi (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. 12365-USB, Aug 12 at 1356, frequency list from 2 to 16 MHz and then live ``Charleville Radio`` call or traffic list; i.e. VMC in Queensland which is mainly for marine weather; no sign at the moment of its sibling VMW in Wiluna WA on 12362 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AZERBAIJAN. Ictimai Radio in FM mode was back to your traditional frequency: 0000-2400 on 9677v UNIDentified tx site to CeAs Azeri, ex 11760. Three videos
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/08/ictimai-radio-in-fm-mode-again-on-9677v.html>
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Aug 13, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1734, DXLD)

Aug 13: Ictimai Radio in Azeri 1729 again on traditional 9677v UNIDentified tx site, ex 11760v
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lUxczu7YWEI&feature=youtu.be>
Ictimai Radio in Azeri 1738 again on traditional 9677v UNIDentified tx site, ex 11760v
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2-5ti-mHitk&feature=youtu.be>
Ictimai Radio in Azeri 1752 again on traditional 9677v UNIDentified tx site, ex 11760v
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PQIURijSVT4&feature=youtu.be>
(Ivo Ivanov, ibid.)

** BANGLADESH. 4750, Bangladesh Betar - HS, 1251-1253, August 13. A daily feature in English; "This is Bangladesh Betar. The weather report read by . . ."; rain and thundershowers; better than normal reception, with lighter than usual CNR1 QRM (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BANGLADESH. 9455, Bangladesh Betar, Aug 08 1326-1344*, 35443, Nepali, Bangladesh music, ID at 1332 and 1344, Closing announce, 1344 sign off.

15105, Bangladesh Betar, Aug 06 1235-1245, 34443, English, News, Theme music at 1238, ID at 1242 and 1243.

15505, Bangladesh Betar, Aug 08 1409-1419, 35333, Urdu, Theme music at 1409, News (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121, ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, DX

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** BENIN. 1566 kHz, TWR Parakou, (3350 km). Listened to French program on 7 Aug 2014. ID at 2039 UT, then Bible reading with comments from M. Listened to until 2110. Deep periodic QSB makes station go on and off with several minutes period. 73 (Giovanni Carboni, IZ5PQT, MW Log from. S. Antioco Island (39 N, 8 27' E) [southwest corner of Sardinia], SONY ICF-SW7600GR portable with own antenna, Cumbre DX yg via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 4409.796, R. Eco (presumed). Sounds like LA music at 0114. 0116 M very briefly but hard to tell if it was Spanish, then back to music. A pretty noisy evening. A lot of uptempo songs with accordion. 0125 M announcer again. 0127 sounded like a canned announcement. (8 August) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via WORLD OF RADIO 1734, DXLD)

Radio Eco reactivada? El sábado a la noche había una portadora en 4409.5 (aprox) con modulación indescifrable (por momentos parecía música). Se habrá reactivado esta emisora?. Cualquier noticia ser bienvenida. 73's (Miguel Castellino, Argentina, Aug 11, condiglist yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1734, DXLD)

Hola Miguel: Supe que hubo un reporte hace algunos días desde Lituania:
<http://youtu.be/LJFm3NkiYdM>
(Claudio Galaz, Chile, ibid.)

5-minute clip, captioned:
4.409,80 CP.. Radio Eco, Reyes, Beni, Bolivia
(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1734, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Aug 13: 4410, Radio Eco Reyes. Apesar de algumas listas de frequências nao citarem, essa emissora continua transmitindo, 0020 UT, 35222 antenna long wire 7 meters
<http://youtu.be/dJHlNsT485A>
Forte 73s (Daniel Wyllyans, Nova Xavantina MT, Brasil, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. Logs de Radio 10 Agosto 2014: 4717, Radio Yura (Yura), 0136 UT Ago 10. Programa musical con bastantes canciones de música cumbia. No se escuchan interacciones del locutor del programa. Luego a 0155 UT empieza a escucharse más ruido junto a que tocan música folclórica. Señal buena pero con ruido importante que pocas veces impide la escucha y luego incrementa ruido a las 0155 UT. All the logs were made using a Degen DE1103 radio in Vicuña, Chile. Regards,
(Marcos Cox, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4716.695, R. Yura, 0112 nice signal and not too noisy. Campo music.
0016 M announcer. TC. Seemed to take a phone caller. 0119 TC by
different M, and more voice-over talk. (11 August) 73 (Dave Valko,
Dunlo, PA, USA, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

Radio Yura 4.917.7 [sic] khz Bolivia Video DX

<http://youtu.be/U0x-4wMwbKo>

Forte 73s Daniel Wyllyans Nova Xavantina MT

<http://dxbrazilsw.blogspot.com/>

Aug 12, HCDX via DXLD) You mean 4716.7; please proofread (gh, DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. Log Onda Corta 14 Agosto 2014: 5952, Radio Pio XII (Siglo
Veinte), 0000 UT. Anuncios publicitarios mencionan Apoyo de Radio Pio
XII en desarrollo de familias desprotegidas y otros anuncios como el
cuidado de mascotas; se esucha ladrido de perritos. Tambi n comienza
programa en idioma Aymara en el que simulan un nacimiento y otras
discusiones de una "Mama Luisa". Se al es mejor escuchada en los 5953
kHz debido a QRM de WRMI transmitiendo programa de Family Radio en
espa ol que apenas es escuchable con su segundo programa de Family
Radio (SINPO de F.R: 32333), SINPO: 34343

The 5950 frequency that's using WRMI has several clashes with Radio
Pio XII and I can barely hear one because it has a lot of
interference. WRMI should change that frequency some kHz; Radio Pio
XII can be heard well approx at 21 UT. All the logs were made using a
Degen DE1103 radio in Vicu a, Chile. Regards, (Marcos Cox, DX
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** BOLIVIA. 6025.00, 2230-2240 07.08, Red R Patria, La Paz (presumed),
Spanish talk, music, fading in 15321. Best 73, (Anker Petersen,
Denmark, in Skovlunde on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire,
via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

6025, Red Patria Nueva (La Paz, Bolivia), 0250 UT Aug 10. Especial de
m sica con Juan Gabriel, tocan varias canciones del cantante. Se al
con bastante interferencia de los 6020 (CRI China en mandar n) y 6030
(R. Mart  con programa musical), SINPO: 43443. All the logs were made
using a Degen DE1103 radio in Vicu a, Chile. Regards, (Marcos Cox, DX
LISTENING DIGEST)

6024.98, R. Patria Nueva. Found the carrier on at 0801. Hard to tell
if there was any audio due to the jammer on 6030. (10 August) 73 (Dave
Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA [and non]. R dio Aparecida, Brazil on 6134.68 kHz at 2332
with many IDs, good signal and clear audio.

Radio Santa Cruz, Bolivia, on 6134.83 kHz at 2340, many IDs and

music; there was also info about Tenerife and Cuba, best in USB; see Aparecida

Radio Fides, La Paz on 6155.13 at 2350 UT. Very good carrier but weak Spanish talks. 73, (RX=EKD 515 and Vertical, Maurits Van Driessche, Belgium, Aug 8, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 4815, R·dio Difusora de Londrina (Londrina, Brasil), 0155 UT Ago 10. M·sica brasileña en portugués, Hora de Brasil, Noticias breves de Brasil en el que mencionan Crímenes Ambientales. Anuncios Publicitarios en el que mencionan el combate del dengue; luego ID y Hora de Brasil y comienza programa religioso cristiano las 02 UT. Se escucha señal con audio levemente bajo y con ligero ruido del transmisor, SINPO: 45343.

4845, R·dio Meteorologia Paulista (Ibitinga, BR), 0203 UT 8 de Agosto. Sorprendente buena señal de esta estación con una mujer hablando en portugués sobre actividades físicas que se deben realizar diariamente. Luego flash informativo de Radio Jovem Pan con ligero QRM de WWCR de E. Unidos [4840], SINPO: 33443.

4865, Radio Alvorada (Londrina, Brasil), 0210 UT Ago 10. Programa cristiano en portugués, Hora de Brasília, mensaje cantado de "Rede Milicia Sat", luego locutor menciona algunas afiliadas de radio del Brasil y R·dio Imaculada Conceição, leen algunos versículos de la Biblia en Portuguese, SINPO: 45344. All the logs were made using a Degen DE1103 radio in Vicuña, Chile. Regards, (Marcos Cox, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. Brazilians from the Top End --- A couple of unexpected Brazilian signals on our last morning at the Berry Creek DX centre:

4885, R. Dif. Acreana, Rio Branco. News-type program 2227, fair level, surprised to hear this in local morning, 8/8

6180, R. Nacional Amazônia. Fair signal 2231 with news magazine, Portuguese, in the clear on 8/8

11780, R. Nacional Amazônia, Brasília. Quite OK 2235 with alternating news items, 8/8. Nil others on 31 & 25 metre bands, somewhat surprisingly (Craig Seager, Berry Creek NT (Perseus, EWE), Sent from my iPad, Aug 9, ARDXC via DXLD)

Craig, 4885 Brazilian at 2227 is astonishing! Even with the 30-minute time zone difference, the signal path has to be quite different to the sort of Brazilian reception we get in Melb during winter (via the Antarctic). I suspect that being in far western Brazil, the signal from Rio Branco is leaving over French Guiana, across the North

Atlantic, across Europe and south east Asia to Darwin - all darkness long path, a distance of (very) approx 16700 km. The SP is in all daylight, even at this time of year, so that wouldn't work.

Very nice catch my friend!! Just goes to show that North Australian locations have quite different propagation paths to down here in the south east. Must get to the top end one day to explore this further. Cheers, (Rob Wagner, WORLD OF RADIO 1734, ibid.)

** BRAZIL. 5035, R·dio Aparecida, 0235 UT Aug 10. Mujer da mensajes de esperanza y fe mencionando a Esp·ritu Santo, felicidad y amor; luego m'sica brasileña religiosa. Anuncios publicitarios como el anuncio de Virgen de F·tima y Virgen Maria, Revista Aparecida y campaña de devotos y un Santuario cristiano. Mencionan Paran· y Rede Aparecida e ID de Programa con "Com a M,,e Aparecida", SINPO: 45334. All the logs were made using a Degen DE1103 radio in Vicuña, Chile. Regards, (Marcos Cox, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 5939.76, Aug 3, 2120, Voz Mission·ria, Cambori·, soft music, few talks, fair. Buoni ascolti estivi! (Giampiero Bernardini, Italy, Drake R7 - Perseus, playdx yg via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 6120, Super Radio deus e Amor, 0308 UT Aug 10. Sermon cristiano en espaol de un hombre con voz que a veces pareciera similar a de una cabra [nanny-goat]. Agradece a dios, esp·ritu santo. "Gracias Seor", Dios de los milagros, Jes's. A veces dice palabras y frases en portuguÊs. Audio se escucha levemente bajo, SINPO: 35243. All the logs were made using a Degen DE1103 radio in Vicuña, Chile. Regards, (Marcos Cox, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 6134.683, R. Aparecida. Same long list of stations carrying the Aparecida programs ending with IDs and ID jingle song by women's chorus at 2302. Fair and clear as Santa Cruz hadn't faded in yet. (7 August) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

6135.33, R Aparecida, Aparecida, SP, 2335-2345, Aug 12, Portuguese talk, singing ID 2337, songs, heterodyne, 43443 // 5035 (25232), 9630 (35433), 11855 (35343) and <http://www.vtuner.com/vtunerweb/mms/mms41743.asx> (55555). (Anker Petersen in Skovlunde, Denmark on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of antenna, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 9664v, Aug 13 at 0143, no signal from Voz Mission·ria, must be off, since other ZYs are in well enough on 9630v, 9645v and 11855v (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 11780, 6/8/14 0400, R. Nacional, Bras·lia-DF, programa em portuguÊs, "Madrugada Nacional", ID, 45444. Escuta em // 6180 kHz,

35443. Esp'rios em 11749 kHz, 35442 e 11811 kHz, 25432.

11749, 08/8 0134, R. Nac. da Amaz'nia, Bras'lia-DF, PP; freq. spur; News, ID, f/out-f/in, 45433. Note: Spurious continue and the technical department of the station solves nothing. Sometimes, at certain hours, the frequency of 11749 kHz has better signal and propagation than the original frequency of 11780 (Jos' Ronaldo Xavier (JRX), Degen DE 1101 + Antena Longwire, Cabedelo-Para'ba, Brasil, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

11780, 11811, 11748, R'dio Nacional Amaz'nia ñ Bras'lia, 0038, 8/8/14. Brazilian country music. Fundamental and very strong spurs. All very good! (Mark Taylor, Madison, Wisconsin. Equipment: Perseus, WinRadio g313e, Eton e1, Grunding Satellit 800, Sangean 909X, Tecsun PL 660; EWE, RF Systems Mk 2, Flextenna, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

11780, Aug 8 at 0056-0103 survey, the extremely distorted spurs from RNA have *not* been removed. On the DX-398's one-kHz steps, I find them ranging as follows:

11652-11661, 11682-11692, 11710-11724, 11740-11758; 11804-11818, 11838-11848, 11898-11908. The closest ones are very strong, while the further ones are progressively weaker. Peaks are close to the center of each range. Furthermore, the fundamental is splashing out to 11765-11795.

Some of the stations these interfere with: 11710 Cairo, 11711 Argentina, 11760 Cuba, 11765 SRDA Curitiba, 11840 Cuba. There is probably one around 11870 but WEWN is strong enough to overcome it. 11815 would also be a Brazilian victim but R. Brasil Central appears not to be on the air. 11905 Sri Lanka (after 0114).

11716, 11748, 11812, 11844, Aug 8 at 0553, distorted spurs from 11780 RNA are audible centered about here at 32 kHz intervals, but none further.

Next check Aug 9 at 0103 tuning across the 25m band --- no spurs! But that's because 11780 itself is off. Aha, working on repairing it? 0132 recheck, 11780 is back on, and again spurs audible circa 11750 and 11810, but none further and these not too strong. Still, *any* spurs at all from this are unacceptable.

11750, Aug 9 at 0602, extremely distorted spur from 11780 RNA is at good level; match on 11810 is fair; second-order ones another 30 kHz out: 11840 & 11720 very poor; third-order 11690 JBA.

11750 & 11810, Aug 10 at 0048, now the awful spurs here are very bad; RHC happens to be off 11840, audiblizing JBA spur, but reblocked at 0105; No spur heard on 11720; 11870, a weak WEWN is marred by crackle

Another check at 0539 August 10: numerous distorted spurs at 30-kHz intervals: 11660, 11690, 11720, 11750, 11810, 11840, 11870, 11900 all audible, progressively weaker the further from 11780.

11780, Aug 11 at 0113, and again at 0540, RNA spurless! Two chex in a row! Keep it up, but we must continue monitoring for resumed out-of-whackiness.

11780, Aug 12 at 0058, RNA still without spurs, also at 0538; now 11810 is marred by splash from 11825 WRMI BS, not RNA.

5990, Aug 12 at 0103, RNA reactivated, first time heard here since July 25; with 10:03 timecheck and 'Nacional Informa' ID only for 300 kW on 980. As usual sufficient but notably weaker signal, than 6180, 11780; however, 5990 sounds a bit louder with more modulation than on 6180.

11780, Aug 13 at 0138, no spurs from RNA for the third night in a row. 5990 is also on again tonight // 6180 at 0147 Aug 13 and with same comparison I made last night (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1734, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 11916.195 [sic], R. Ga'cha. Talk program with several men announcers. Occasional ad block. From 2327:40 to 2328:35 heard three IDs. Good signal. (9 August) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD) Should that be 11915.195? Not reported 1 kHz higher before (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** BURMA [non]. CLANDESTINE, 11560, Dem. V. of Burma via Tajikistan, Aug 08 *1430-1444, 35443, Burmese, 1430 sign on with opening music, ID, Opening announce, Talk (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121, ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CLANDESTINE: Democratic Voice of Burma:
1430-1530 on 11560 DB 100 kW / 125 deg to SEAs Burmese
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uo_mIA920W0&feature=youtu.be
(DX RE MIX NEWS #866 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, August 12, 2014 via DXLD)

** CANADA. 1610, Aug 13 at 0151 UT, music looping ENE/WSW, 0158 UT Spanish announcement, no doubt CHHA Toronto; was also hearing it a few minutes earlier on the caradio. By no means a regular here, at some 1100 miles with odd 6.25 kW; day and nite patterns are both circles tangent westward with minor lobe eastward. Audible tnx to the deletion of IBOC by 1600 KATZ St Louis a few months ago, which N0UIH assumed would only be temporary; strangely, 1600 KEPN Denver (Lakewood) also

deleted IBOC at about the same time, clearing 1610 for DX here in all direxions. But CHHA is the only broadcaster in North America on 1610, as the FCC is keeping 1610 for all those TIS/HAR reluctant to move to 1710 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Oops, Montreal too now

** CANADA. UNDER THE INFLUENCE - CBC Radio One

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Companies that offer 100%, no questions asked, no fine print, lifetime guarantees - they're hard to find as not many companies want to offer that unlimited return policy. (28')

<http://www.cbc.ca/undertheinfluence/>

My preferences tend toward documentaries and other spoken word fare that carries a longer shelf life than current affairs programming, for example. But some readers have suggested some interesting programs that don't necessarily within my admittedly somewhat narrow rubric or about which I was either unaware or some reason hadn't sampled. In coming issues, I will highlight some of these as well (John Figliozzi, Halfmoon NY, Podding Along, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA [non]. QSLs: 7375 and others, STF Radio International, two paper QSLs including record tracks in the vinyl overlay of the cards received in 3-4 months for emailed reception reports. I received one card for the ëtestí transmissions in March via Nauen and one for the hour long transmission in April via Nauen and WRMI Okeechobee FL. Unfortunately, the audio tracks of the record are too close to the hub to be played on a semi-automatic turntable! Does anyone have a fully manual turntable I can borrow for as long as it takes to play a record? :) I am curious to hear what is on there! Best paper QSLs Iíve received in a dogís age! (Kenneth Vito Zichi, Williamston MI, MARE Tipsheet Aug 8 via DXLD)

Got an interesting paper "audio QSL" card STF Radio International Interval Signal # 00007. QSL has grooves on the map, you can play on the turntable or phonograph. The audio track of the program and recognition of its radio stations on the air. 04/20/14, 0400 UT, 6025/9925 kHz, Nauen transmitter site. In April, sent e-QSL, now the paper (Editor Anatoly Klepov, QSL World, RusDX Aug 10 via DXLD)

** CANADA. Now we know why CKCO-TV-2 is off channel 2

BELL MEDIA SHUTS DOWN CTV TRANSMITTER IN WIARTON, ONT., AFTER SPAT WITH NEIGHBOUR OVER TREES --- August 9, 2014 at 10:41 pm Posted in TV

The Bell tower in Wiarton, Ont., and the dirt road to it that Bell can no longer use to maintain it. View Larger Map [caption]

There is no longer a CTV television transmitter in Wiarton, Ont. And all because of a dispute with a neighbour that started with an apparent misunderstanding over the cutting of trees.

The story is contained in an application owner Bell Media filed with the CRTC on July 10 to revoke the broadcasting licence of CKCO-TV-2, a 100 kW transmitter in Wiarton, which is on the Bruce Peninsula separating Lake Huron and Georgian Bay. It is one of two retransmitters of CKCO-DT in Kitchener. The other is in Oil Springs, Ont., covering Sarnia.

As Bell tells it, it has had trouble accessing the transmission tower, even though it owns the land the tower sits on, because the access road to it is on property owned by a neighbour. For years, there was a verbal agreement with that property owner to access the site using his road (which leads to a street officially called Tower Road). But three years ago, the property was sold. The new owner had a falling out with Bell after iBell Media rightfully prevented the new owner from cutting trees located on our property. In January 2014, the new owner demanded Bell pay \$1,000 a month to use his road, plus \$34,000 in back pay going back to when he originally purchased the land.

Naturally, Bell thought this was a ridiculous sum and offered to pay \$5,000 a year, with no back pay. The owner refused, and so Bell could no longer get a vehicle to its tower.

The next month, the power went out at the tower. Bell discovered a serious fault in the electrical system which required a series of repairs, but again the owner of the road denied access. Bell's only access to the tower was through a tiny strip of land connecting its land to the road. Which meant travelling on foot. And since this was February in rural Ontario, this meant going by snowshoe.

Without the ability to fix the electricity, the diesel backup generator stopped working and CKCO-TV-2 went off the air. . . [much more]

<http://blog.fagstein.com/2014/08/09/ckco-wiarton/>
(via Andy Reid, Ont., Aug 10, WORLD OF RADIO 1734, DXLD)

And as a result viewers in a rural area of Ontario have one less viewing choice (Dave Pomeroy, KS, WTFDA via DXLD)

All 30 of them? Is it worth keeping a 100 kW TV station on for just 30 people? (Mike Bugaj, Enfield, CT, ibid.)

Hi Guys: I'm currently in Port Austin, Michigan at the tip of The Thumb. I can't guarantee that the CTV analog Channel 2 we are seeing

is from Wiarton across the lake, but there sure is a CTV analog 2 and is sure is powerful and I don't know where else it would be from. Just sayin' (Karl Zuk N2KZ, ibid.)

CHBX, Sault Ste. Marie (William Hepburn, Ont., ibid.)

** CHINA. CNR6 on 909 KHz (also checked against 6165) as heard / recorded in Sydney, 7,376 km. Perseus + 10m vertical antenna.
<http://youtu.be/wUg3CUXjZBU>
73 (Nick VK2DX Hacko, NSW, Aug 12, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

See 909 kHz entry in Alan's Asiawaves list:
<http://www.asiawaves.net/mediumwave-900.htm>

Harris 600 kW unit
SARFT Transmitting Station #641
Zhangban {??}
Hui'an {??}
Quanzhou {??}
Fujian Province {??}
24 53 39 N 118 48 33 E

CHN_Zhangban near Quanzhou MW 909 kHz, 4mast, March 2014
and nearby also
CHN_Zhangban near Quanzhou MW 837 kHz site 4mast, July2008
24 53'13.88"N 118 48'25.59"E
CHN_Zhangban near Quanzhou SW site, 5 curtains, 6masts
24 53'30.83"N 118 48'04.81"E
73 wb (Wolfgang B,schel, ibid.)

909 Quanzhou Listed in WRTN 2014 as running only 100 kW (gh, DXLD)

** CHINA [and non]. 13790, Aug 7 at 0529, poor signal in Chinese, could be either RFA via Saipan at 04-07, or CNR1 jamming (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9540, CNR1 jammer, 0948 talk by M in Chinese, // 9730. Looks like both of these are jamming Sound of Hope. 9540 stronger. 9730 goes off at 1000 but 9540 stays on. (7 August) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

August 7 CNR 1 jamming vs Radio Free Asia Tibetan 1329 on 19000 Kuwait
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1VEZeP01Se8&feature=youtu.be>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

11615, Aug 7 at 1358. Tone test goes to VOA Yankee-Doodle-Dandy formal sign-on from ``Washington DC``, very poor with flutter; 1400 maybe adding CNR1 jamming. This one is really via Tinang, Philippines at 14-

15 only (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn checked SOH and CNR jamming etc. this morning hour, 73 wolfy

TAIWAN/CHINA CHN jamming, TWN SOH and others, Aug 8.

Monitoring log of some SOH and others Taiwan broadcasts, and accompanied CHINA mainland jamming of CNR and Firedrake music. Slot 0900 to 1115 UT Aug 8, heard mainly in Australia and Japan remote SDR receiver unit posts. 0900-1115 UT Aug 8

6869.989 SOH
6970.048 SOH
7280.000 unid Chinese entertainment program ...
7310.070 SOH
9155.000 CNR jamming S=9+10dB -68dBm strength in AUS
9199.983 SOH
9230.140 SOH
9280.104 SOH
9320.136 SOH
9540.000 CNR jamming S=9+20dB -50dBm strength in AUS
9730.057 SOH/RFA, next Myanmar 9730.0 kHz.
9850.000 CNR jamming S=9+15dB -59dBm strength in AUS
10960.000 CNR jamming jamming S=9+5dB -74dBm strength in AUS
11100.113 SOH
11300.150 SOH
11430.019 SOH
11469.954 SOH
11580.000 CNR jamming S=9+5dB -73dBm strength in AUS, -10*UT
11580.169 SOH
11600.043 SOH
11750.076 SOH
11775.110 SOH, next to AiA Anguilla even 11775.
12190.000 CNR jamming S=9+20dB -56dBm strength in AUS
12190.238 SOH
12370.055 SOH
12499.985 SOH
12500.000 CNR jamming S=9+20dB -58dBm strength in AUS, -10*UT
from 10 UT only tiny WHITE NOISE SCRATCHY jamming.
12560.124 SOH
12799.953 SOH
12870.048 SOH
12910.000 CNR jamming S=9+25dB -52dBm strength in AUS, -10*UT
12910.046 SOH
12980.123 SOH
13129.908 SOH
13200.132 SOH
13350.129 SOH

13530.064 SOH
13679.832 SOH
13680.000 CNR jamming S=9+10dB -64dBm strength in AUS, -10*UT
13774.970 SOH
13920.167 SOH scratching terrible distorted audio, nearby CODAR
13970.054 SOH
14369.976 SOH
14700.248 SOH
14870.035 SOH
14920.208 SOH
14980.054 SOH
15269.986 SOH
15340.168 SOH
15775.191 SOH
15800.126 SOH
15939.991 SOH
15969.885 SOH
16099.995 not SOH rather weak CNR jamming S=6 -86dBm strength in AUS
jammer not even frequency!
16250.035 SOH
16360.000 CNR jamming 10-11 UT, tiny CNR jamming
16360.146 SOH
16450.029 SOH
16599.943 SOH
16750.249 SOH
16769.848 SOH
16920.164 SOH
16979.949 SOH
17169.917 SOH
18870.117 SOH
18970.021 SOH
19969.873 SOH male
(Wolfgang B,schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 8, dxldyg via DXLD) Whew

Aug 8 CNR 1 jamming vs Radio Free Asia in Tibetan 1229 on 18990 Kuwait
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mjkP7ZyuhxU&feature=youtu.be>
CNR 1 jamming vs Radio Free Asia in Tibetan 1355 on 18980 Kuwait
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EGwuy1u77Yg&feature=youtu.be>
CNR 1 jamming vs Voice of America in Tibetan 1417 on 17485 Udorn Thani
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GFoq1QPopZ0&feature=youtu.be>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

16100, Aug 8 at 1319, open carrier/dead air with flutter, still the same at 1340. Got to be a CNR1/Firedrake jammer as often heard here, minus any modulation. I figure it will cut off at 1400 sharp, but it keeps on going past 1404, 1414. No funxional jammers heard anywhere else 12-19 MHz, except the perpetual 19m inband trio, 15115, 15195, 15265 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CNR 1 Jammer vs Radio Free Asia on 9370, 9555, 9975, 11560, Aug 8:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mgZR3Z0P0zU&list=UU0kdLTbNeM6g6w8oqkXYtsw>

Aug 9:

CNR 1 jamming vs Radio Free Asia in Chinese 1614 on 15560 Saipan MP4

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HJU05T4rWFA&feature=youtu.be>

CNR 1 jamming vs Radio Free Asia in Tibetan 1230 on 19000 Kuwait MP4

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JN4BAyuct0g&feature=youtu.be>

(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

16100, Aug 10 at 1253, CNR1 jammer, very poor; no 17s, 15s

14870, Aug 10 at 1255, CNR1 jammer, fair

14920, Aug 10 at 1255, CNR1 jammer, fair; none in the 13s, 12s

15115, 15195, 15265, Aug 10 at 1338, CNR1 jammers inband are the only audibles now, none others 12-19 MHz (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also EAST TURKISTAN

** CHINA. 34920, 0732, 3rd harmonic, 3 x 11640, China Radio International, Cantonese to Far East (harmonics from David Vitek, RSA???, March 23, 2014, SF155 A6 K2 Minor R1 Flare, SN 159; via Tim Bucknall, Congleton, UK, Aug 13, 2014, harmonics yg via DXLD) Registered in B-13 as Jinhua site (gh, DXLD)

** CHINA [non]. CRI in English via Urumqi vs CRI in French via Bamako: 1400-1500 17630 BK0 100 kW / 085 deg to CeAf French, relay 92.7 MHz FM 1400-1500 17630 URU 500 kW / 308 deg to EaEu English. Videos Aug. 7/9: <http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/08/cri-in-english-via-urumqi-vs-cri-in.html> 1500-1600 17630 BK0 100 kW / 085 deg to CeAf French, relay 92.7 FM. Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XeoUjC9R-ow&feature=youtu.be>

Temporarily suspended frequencies of China R International from Aug 1:

1730-1827 on 7385 URU 500 kW / 270 deg to NWAf Chinese

1730-1827 on 9685 URU 500 kW / 308 deg to WeEu Chinese

1800-1857 on 7205 URU 500 kW / 308 deg to EuEu Russian

1800-1957 on 11650 URU 500 kW / 308 deg to WeEu German

1830-1857 on 7265 URU 500 kW / 308 deg to SEEu Bulgarian

1830-2027 on 7350 URU 500 kW / 270 deg to WeAf French

1900-1927 on 7415 URU 500 kW / 308 deg to CeEu Czech

1930-1957 on 6090 URU 500 kW / 308 deg to SEEu Romanian

2000-2057 on 7305 URU 500 kW / 308 deg to CeEu Polish

2030-2127 on 7265 URU 500 kW / 308 deg to SEEu Italian

2030-2227 on 9430 URU 500 kW / 308 deg to WeEu French (DX RE MIX NEWS #866 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, August 12, 2014 via DXLD)

** CHINA. 'HACKTIVISTS' GAIN ACCESS TO CHINESE TELEVISION

VOA NEWS, Matthew Hilburn, August 05, 2014
<http://www.voanews.com/content/hacktivism-gain-access-to-chinese-television/1972219.html>

Television broadcasts in the Chinese city of Wenzhou were hacked Friday with anti-Communist Party messages superimposed on normal broadcasting. The attacks began around 7:30 p.m. local time.

According to Foreign Policy, which first reported the hack: "One message, emblazoned across the top of the screen, declared, 'Damn the Chinese Communist Party's mouthpieces: China Central Television, Peoples' Daily' -- the first a broadcaster, the latter a newspaper, and both generally acknowledged to toe the party line -- as well as 'the Propaganda Department and the State Radio and Film Administration.'"

The Propaganda Department and the State Radio and Film Administration are responsible for censorship.

Another message read "the Communist bandits are the real criminals," and another said "Friends, do not cooperate with Communist devils," according to Foreign Policy.

Yet another called for the release of jailed dissident Liu Xiaobo.

"As all programming is now digital, the integrity of the television data stream will determine if one can mount an attack, apparently there was a vulnerability in China's data feeds," said Christopher Burgess, CEO of Prevendra, Inc., an Internet security firm.

No one has claimed responsibility for the hack.

Weibo, often referred to as Chinese Twitter, lit up with posts about the hacking, but Chinese censors were quick to act and delete mentions of the incident.

A study last year estimated that 30 percent of deletions on Weibo occur within five to 30 minutes after posting and that nearly 90 percent of the deletions happen within the first 24 hours.

While website defacement is a common form of hacktivism in China, commandeering television signals is not.

However, the Wenzhou case is not the first time it has happened. In 2002, outlawed spiritual group Falun Gong was able to briefly broadcast its messages on televisions in Harbin, Laiyang and Changchun, according to Reuters.

In 2004, Falun Gong was accused of hijacking a Hong Kong satellite.

According to Doug Young, a journalism professor at Fudan University in Shanghai and author of the book *The Party Line: How the Media Dictates Public Opinion in Modern China*, Wenzhou would be a likely place for this kind of thing to happen.

Wenzhou, he said, is famous for its entrepreneurial and independent spirits, but recent economic turmoil, including a major drop in real estate prices, might foster this kind of hacktivism.

"This seems like the perfect place for this to happen," he said.
(via VOA Radiogram Aug 9 via roger, dxldyg via DXLD)

** COSTA RICA. Informe n° 16 de 16.08.2014 para Mundo Sorprendente, de Radio Costa Rica:

<http://aer.org.es/archivos/1486>

La AER anuncia que ya están disponibles los ficheros de TEXTO y AUDIO de su Informe n° 16 de 16.08.2014 para Mundo Sorprendente, de Radio Costa Rica.

<http://aer-dx.es/espaciosdx/mundo.php>

Escuchar este informe. Berny Solano ofreció en marzo de 2013 una colaboración periódica en su programa Mundo Sorprendente que la AER aceptó, pese a tratarse de una emisora local.

Un saludo cordial (Pedro Sedano, Madrid, España, COORDINADOR GENERAL
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** CUBA [and non]. 5025, Radio Rebelde, 0227 UT Ago 10. Termina programa "Musica Libre" en el que tocaron al final Salsa y el locutor del programa menciona las personas que lo ayudaron a realizar el programa; luego Noticias del Día con Titulares de Noticias de Cuba como Apoyo de Sudafricanos a Cuba y el Bloqueo de los Estados Unidos, ID: "Rebelde, La Habana. Emisora de la Revolución" y luego empieza programa musical de Cuba en Carnaval. Se oye con cierto choque de señal que quizás podría ser Radio Quillabamba [Perú, 5025v], SINPO: 45444. All the logs were made using a Degen DE1103 radio in Vicuña, Chile. Regards, (Marcos Cox, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [and non]. 6165, R. Habana Cuba, 0113 05-Aug, English News from Cuba blasting the USA and Israel. USA is supplying Israel with Anti Rocket Defense but not Hamas --- iWell Yeah. The program content was ludicrous, but the signal was very good (Gary Vance, Grand Ledge MI, MARE Tipsheet Aug 8 via DXLD)

12140, Aug 8 at 0053, RHC is VP vs CODAR; and on 18210, very poor but no QRM, the second and third harmonix of 6070.

9781-9841, approx. range of buzz field surrounding undermodulated 9810 RHC, Aug 8 at 0110; worst peaks circa plus/minus 15 kHz.

5040, Aug 9 at 0119, RHC is missing from here, so can't tell whether it would be in wrong language, while 5025 Rebelde is on.

For those who might think I never have anything good to say about RHC: 9810, Aug 9 at 0138, is **not** producing the usual buzz-field above and below (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also IRAN [and non]

La Habana in Spanish language at 1100-1125 UT Aug 9th. Logged on SDR remote units in NY, MI - USA, and at Edmonton Alberta-CAN. {last night German lady soccer team seen on German TV of live coverage at Edmonton Alberta stadium vv P.R. China young lady team of 17 years age limit.}

6000, My impression is like LOW MODULATION on S=9+20dB -56dBm signal in MI-US, QRM by RA Shepparton English live sports report on next door 5995 kHz channel.

9850, "Nove de Agosto 1973" report, and at 1117 UT Carnival project report en ciudad de Habana.

11760, S=9+5dB or -72dBm fair signal.

11860, S=9+15dB or -65dBm fair signal.

12010, non-directional Carribean area antenna target, poor tiny signal northwards in CAN/USA, S=5 or -94dBm only.

15230, Rather sidelobe SoAM BRA/ARG azimuth unit, decreased lower northwards signal. S=8 or -84dBm at 1125 UT Aug 9th.

17580, Proper S=9+20dB -58dBm signal, noted in MI / IL-USA.

17730, at 1103 UT. RHC La Habana Spanish news on Ebola virus matter, and occupied Palestine vv Israel "violaci0nes de los derechos humanos en la ciudad de Gaza ocupada".

Also CRI relay transmission center at TITAN Quivican, 250 kW unit on 9570 started Cantonese at 1200-1257 UT, also English section scheduled 1300-1357 UT Aug 9th, S=9+20dB -46dBm in NY / IL / MI USA (Wolfgang B,schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 9, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11845, Aug 9 at 1358, pulse jamming is still audible on long-abandoned Marti frequency.

11670, Aug 9 at 2130, AIR English is detectable way under RHC news in Spanish; Arnie still blox India.

12060, Aug 10 at 0041, buzz here, presumably 2 x 6030 jamming.

18210, Aug 10 at 0055, RHC, 3 x 6070 audible at VP level as is now common, along with 12140 = 2 x 6070. I also look for other thirds above 18 MHz: at 0055, a JBA carrier comes on 18495, matching 6165 pre-English, but I am not hearing 18000 or 18180 from 6000 or 6060.

9550, Aug 10 at 1239, only CRI Vietnamese is audible, but at 1304, RHC Spanish is on and mixing with it, Commies for Commies vs Commies; also on 9820.

12010, Aug 10 at 1301, 'Cuba Campesina' is running overtime, introducing final tune; then I switch to 15370 nominally starting at 1300: open carrier until 1303 as the tune is faded out for some 'news', but 15370 transmitter cuts off and on the air, and when on, the modulation cuts off and on --- rough getting started; 1304 it's off again.

6000, Aug 11 at 0538, RHC English with heavy SAH of a few Hz, surely the result of a second RHC carrier colliding; but none of the other English frequencies are missing this time, and no double-audio (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RHC on 6270 at 0325 playing pops by Buena Fe and Tony Avila, RHC IS and ID at the top of hour, S9+10. Nothing listed on my latest Aoki or Eibi lists. Is this a spur?

[later:] Sorry, Glenn answered this back in 2012: "Likely a leapfrog mixing product. Doing the math, 6060 leaps over 6165 another 105 kHz higher, to land on 6270. Surely you would find // audio on 6060 or many other RHC frequencies in Spanish."

Same signal on 6060. Even though in the European pirate band which I generally monitor, I have not noticed this S9+10 spur until this evening. 73, (Brandon Jordan, Fayette County, TN USA

<http://www.swldx.us>

WinRadio: G313e | G33DDC 'Excalibur Pro'

RFSPACE: SDR-IQ | NetSDR [locked to Thunderbolt GPSDO]

Array Solutions: SAL-12 & SAL-30 Shared Apex Loops

DX Engineering: NCC-1 Phaser|2x ARAV3 Active Verticals

UT Aug 13, dxldyg via DXLD) And also here once again:

6270, Aug 13 at 0146, RHC Spanish weakly audible as usual on leapfrog of 6060 over 6165 English. About the same level as on 18210 at same

time which is 3 x 6070 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [non]. Logs realizados em 04/08 aqui em AFO - RONDONIA.
9490 0200 04/08 UNID. R. Rep'blica, via Issoudun, SS, nx variadas de
alguns países do mundo, com maior enfoque para o Governo de Cuba de
forma contrária, 45433, JFN

Caros colegas, de onde é essa R. Rep'blica, de Cuba, da Guiana
Francesa, dos Estados Unidos? No entanto, na ocasião da escuta a
transmissão ocorria via Issoudun não F. utilizei: Rx: Degen DE 1103,
ANTENA: Dipolo Meia Banda Sete MHz (Joviniano Furtado Neto/PW8001SWL,
Alta Floresta do Oeste - RO. S 11 55i 52.4ii W 61 59i 13.5ii
radioescutas yg via DXLD)

Radio Republica: de Miami, Cuba Norte, ou seja Hialeah, Florida, EE
UU:
<http://www.directorio.org/> <http://www.directorio.org/>
73, (Guilherme Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

My reply thought he was asking about the source of the programming,
while another one was only concerned with the transmitter site: (gh)

Joviniano, Neste caso conta como França, pois é a origem do
transmissor. Há exceções como Mônaco e Vaticano, que mesmo não tendo
transmissores em seus territórios contam como rádio-países. 73
(Ivan Dias Jr. - Sorocaba/SP, Aug 9, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

CLANDESTINE, Radio Rep'blica:
0100-0300 on 9490 ISS 250 kW / 275 deg to Cuba Spanish
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nV8kYkA-yRY&feature=youtu.be>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dH5VozKvLWA&feature=youtu.be>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #866 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, August 12,
2014 via DXLD)

** CUBA [non]. Radio Martí
2000-2400 on 9565 GB 250 kW / 164 deg to Cuba Spanish
2000-2400 on 11930 GB 250 kW / 184 deg to Cuba Spanish
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AIokwiXQxKE&feature=youtu.be>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8EwBEPuoaeM&feature=youtu.be>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #866 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, August 12,
2014 via DXLD)

** CYPRUS. 11558-11578, Aug 9 at 0105, strong OTH radar pulsing,
possibly from here, but can't hear any broadcasts underneath.

9595-9625, Aug 9 at 0125, strong OTH radar pulsing, possibly from
here, main victim being 9605 KBSWR Spanish via WHRI; while Spain,
q.v., is absent from 9620: just as well (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX

LISTENING DIGEST) See also UNIDENTIFIED 9170

** CZECHIA [non]. 9760, RFE/Radio Liberty from 0415 and subsequent checking till after 0507 on August 13; non-stop loop in English - "Radio Free Europe - Radio Liberty, Praha," along with beeps; QRM underneath with pop music (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Supposed to be R. Farda via Biblis

** DIEGO GARCIA. 12759, AFN Diego Garcia, USB, 10 AUG 2014 from 1200 UT in English, S5, noisy. Plenty of US rock music. Then progressively stronger and fine copy as of 1248. Last heard at 1305 UT (Nick VK2DX Hacko, Sydney / Australia via WORLD OF RADIO 1734, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Perhaps when they switch to night frequency 4319 (gh, ibid.)

** EAST TURKISTAN. 11660, Aug 9 at 2120, pop music, poor with flutter, what's this? Some splash from 11670 Cuba. 2126 brief French announcement; 2130 another mentioning cri.cn --- shux, it's only CRI, 2030-2230 from Kashgar to Europe. Sounding less and less like an Eastern station.

9800, Aug 9 at 0043, fair signal in Spanish with pop music countdown, CRI Kashgar to S America, better than usual here.

17720, Aug 10 at 0547, OSOB is very poor with music: i.e. CRI German via Kashgar. This site has a way of making it thru when nothing else does (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also CHINA [and non]

** ECUADOR. EQUADOR, 3380 kHz ==> A pelo menos 4 dias a emissora do Equador que se indentifica no ar como CENTRO RADIOFONICO DE IMBABURA INTERNACIONAL que transmite de forma irregular ligou seu transmissor de ondas tropicais; aqui chega por volta das 0800 e 1030 UT nos destaques e claramente por comentarios. Talves Gospel e sem tocar m'sicas nas horas de minhas recepÁoes. Forte 73s (Daniel Wylllyans, Nova Xavantina MT, Aug 12, <http://dxbrazilsw.blogspot.com/> HCDX via WORLD OF RADIO 1734, DXKD(

** ECUADOR. 6050, HCJB, 0300 UT Aug 10. IdentificaciÛn como HCJB La Voz de los Andes 690 AM, 6050 Onda Corta; luego noticias de Ecuador y el mundo. Hay que destacar que sigue identific·ndose como HCJB. ID de Programa "ConexiÛn Noticias" con Contagio de ...bola en Estados Unidos y m's noticias cristianas de Ecuador y el Mundo, SINPO: 35343. All the logs were made using a Degen DE1103 radio in VicuÒa, Chile. Regards, (Marcos Cox, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6050.0, UT Mon Aug 11 at 0106, the real HCJB with solo song, reminiscent of ``El Condor Pasa``; poor signal but better than usual. Presumably during Quichua block Sun-Mon, while it's Waorani on Tue-Sat, per EiBi (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Mercoledì 13 agosto 2014, 0430 - 6050 kHz, HCJB Quito spenta. :-(Il terremoto (Luca Botto Fiora, QTH Rapallo (Genova) - Italia, bclnews.it yg via DXLD)

Implying it was knocked off by an earthquake, and no longer heard here either (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** EGYPT [and non]. Radio Cairo Russian two frequencies parallel Aug 5 1900-2000 9410 ABS 200 kW / 325 deg to WeEu Russian, instead of German; parallel freq 9685 ABS 250 kW / 005 deg to EaEu Russian, as scheduled A-14
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/08/radio-cairo-in-russian-on-two.html>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #866 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, August 12, 2014 via DXLD)

11710, Aug 7 at 0154, R. Cairo is JBM with LRA het
12070, Aug 7 at 0154, R. Cairo very distorted but not spreading much
9315, Aug 7 at 0155, R. Cairo is fair with some modulation
9965, Aug 7 at 0155, R. Cairo, JBM with music, whine
13850, Aug 7 at 0230, R. Cairo, suppressed and distorted modulation
13850, Aug 7 at 0527, R. Cairo, now with talk breaking up

12070, Aug 8 at 0055, R. Cairo with heavy crackling Spanish modulation, spreading out to 12050-12090.

11710, Aug 8 at 0100, R. Cairo is JBM with het from LRA on the hi side, and also from the edge of the second-order extremely distorted spur from RNA 11780, which is now ranging from 11710 to 11724; see BRAZIL

9965, Aug 8 at 0105, R. Cairo whine, with JBM Arabic

9315, Aug 8 at 0105, R. Cairo Spanish service, open carrier/dead air except for very lo-pitched hum (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

12070, Aug 9 at 0101, R. Cairo with extreme distortion, audible out to 12055-12085.

11710, Aug 9 at 0104, R. Cairo is dead air, or maybe JBM; the het it makes with Argentina on hi side is louder than it or the RAE modulation, but which might suffice without the heavy QRM.

9315, Aug 9 at 0122, third R. Cairo Spanish frequency has VG signal level, but just-barely modulation level --- can't have one without the other!

9965, Aug 9 at 0122 and still at 0137, R. Cairo Arabic channel is off.

See also UNIDENTIFIED 9170

9965, Aug 10 at 0040, R. Cairo Arabic, with distorted Qur'an
12070, Aug 10 at 0040, R. Cairo, big hum, no modulation or spurs
9315, Aug 10 at 0041, R. Cairo open carrier/dead air; OTHR low side
11710, Aug 10 at 0042, R. Cairo's third Spanish frequency is: off

9965, Aug 11 at 0109, R. Cairo, VG signal level but heavily
suppressed, just-barely-modulated Arabic.

9315, Aug 11 at 0112, R. Cairo, ``Spanish``, good signal but open
carrier, dead air

11710, Aug 11 at 0113, R. Cairo, ``Spanish`` is off again, despite no
competition from Argentina on weekends; tsk

12070, Aug 11 at 0113, R. Cairo, Spanish, loud with extreme distortion
and hum, but not spreading beyond 12065-12075, whew.

R. Cairo chex August 12:

9965, Aug 12 at 0053, Arabic music with big crackle
9315, Aug 12 at 0053, Spanish, good signal level; however, poor and
undermodulated, distorted, but best of the lot overall
11710, Aug 12 at 0054, OFF, leaving 11711- Argentina in the clear!
12070, Aug 12 at 0054, Good signal level but suppressed, distorted
modulation in Spanish but no spurs or crackles at the moment

R. Cairo anomalies, all good to very good signal levels but:

12070, Aug 13 at 0130, Spanish crackling and distorted spreading
12065-12075. Could be and has been, worse, but still unlistenable
11710, Aug 13 at 0138, still OFF; but not much from 11711- Argentina
9965, Aug 13 at 0141, open carrier/dead air except for lo hum and
occasional crackle; Arabic disservice
9315, Aug 13 at 0144, Spanish distorted and suppressed but much
better than 12070
13850, Aug 13 at 0154, Cairo transmitter already on with big hum and
motorboating, then distorted modulation as Qur'an audible. The other
three frequencies above are still on, so same as non-11710 unit?
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EUROPE. PIRATE-EURO. Borderhunter Radio-Holland, 6295 AM, 2312-
0207*, 8-8/9-14, SI0: 343 Frans playing classic rock tunes by The
Doors, Rolling Stones, Queen, etc. Frequent IDs, saying this was "the
secret sounds from a secret place". Mentioned he could smell the
transmitter, it was 4 AM and time to sign off. [Lobdell-MA]

PIRATE-EURO. Radio Tango Italia-Italy, 6215.6 AM, 2336-2350+, 8-8-14,
SI0: 232 Tango tunes, non-stop except for the occasional ID, sometimes

in Italian and other times in EE, by OM announcer. [Lobdell-MA]

PIRATE-EURO. Pioneer Radio-Holland, 6747 AM, 2304-2344*, 8-09-14. SI0: 232 OM announcer in Dutch and EE, playing several tunes by the group "BZN", announcing email address as pioneeram@hotmail.com (Chris Lobdell, Box 80146, Stoneham, MA 02180 USA, Receivers: Eton E1, JRC NRD-545; Aerials: G5RV, 40 Meter Dipole, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FINLAND. Radio Gramox is a private FM-station in Tampere, Finland, on 106,8 MHz. Recently they have got legal licence for AM-broadcasts on 3960, 7230 and 25760 kHz. Power is announced to be 50 Watts.

Just now I am listening to them on 3960 kHz. Station plays old jazz & entertainment music from 1940's to 1950's. Please, note that this is not a pirate. They have also licence to use 729 kHz which is the Tampere frequency in Geneva MW-plan. So far no activity noted on 729. Licence is valid until the end of October 2014.

<http://gramox.fi/>

(Jorma Mäntylä, Kangasala, Finland, Aug 10, mwdx yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1734, DXLD) Station owner & director Pasi Komsa says these are just low power tests. We are not building a big AM station, a small one is pretty good. Web: <http://gramox.fi/> (Jorma Mäntylä, ARC mv-eko 11 augusti 2014 via DXLD)

Low-power Radio Gramox launched on SW in Finland

Mauno Ritola reports Radio Gramox is now operating on 3960 kHz with 50 W from Hämeenkyrö, Finland. (WRTH Facebook page 9 August)

Weak carrier with audio down in the noise observed on 3960 kHz around 2300 utc last night - only detected in lsb with strong DRM interference from France on 3965. 73s (Dave Kenny, aug 10, BDXC-UK yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1734, DXLD)

From almost a year ago:::

from <http://www.dxing.info> :

Low-power Radio Gramox launched on shortwave in Finland

Radio Gramox has begun transmissions on 25760 kHz in the 11-meter shortwave band. The Finnish station broadcasts music from the 1920's to 1960's. The first test transmissions began today Sunday at 1000 UTC, and soon programming should be 24/7. Radio Gramox operates on a license that limits transmitter power to a maximum of 50 watts, although currently only 20 watts is being used, says station owner and founder Pasi Komsa to DXing.info. The transmitter and a 7-meter-long whip antenna are located at his home in Hämeenkyrö in Western Finland.

Transmissions are in the AM mode, but eventually we plan to use DRM, Komsi says. Right now programming is in Finnish, but Komsi tells that English-language programming will be needed for an international audience. Earlier this year the station launched a 50-watt transmitter in Tampere on 106.8 MHz FM. Radio Gramox can also be heard on the Internet. You can contact the station by email: pasi@komsitek.fi (DXing.info, September 1, 2013, edited on September 2)

Radio Gramox website: <http://gramox.fi/>
(via Alan Pennington, via Dave Kenny, *ibid.*)

Heard clearly on website 1500-1555 UT 10th August (2014) mostly playing 'old stuff' including some Vynal with hiss and the occasional scratches, only one 'buffer' in 55 minutes (Ken Fletcher, UK, *ibid.*)

** FRANCE. August 7th at 1200 UT, RFI Paris in French "...grand reportage..." on Ebola disease epidemic infection, avion/aircraft transport matter from West Africa to European airports. Noted mostly attenuated on short skip zone S=9+20dB in central and northern Europe on 15300, 17620, 17660, and 21580 kHz channels at 12-13 UT. 73 wb (Wolfgang B. schel, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Frequency 9790 is a regular at my location at this time [06-07] in // with 11700 and 15300. Meyerton is always weak on 11605 (when it propagates) and 15170 not much better (Noel R. Green (NW England), Aug 7, *ibid.*)

** FRANCE [and non] Quick check of Radio France Internationale 0600-1700 UT Aug. 6:

0600-0630 13750 ISS 500 kW / 170 deg to WCAf Hausa, very weak signal
0600-0630 15340 ISS 500 kW / 170 deg to WCAf Hausa from Aug.31 11995

0600-0700 9790 ISS 500 kW / 204 deg to NWAf French, no propagation
0600-0700 11605 MEY 100 kW / 345 deg to WeAf French, no propagation
0600-0700 11700 ISS 500 kW / 185 deg to NWAf French
0600-0700 15170 MEY 100 kW / 345 deg to WeAf French, no propagation
0600-0700 15300 ISS 500 kW / 153 deg to CeAf French

0700-0800 11700 ISS 500 kW / 204 deg to NWAf French
0700-0800 13695 ISS 500 kW / 190 deg to WCAf French, very very weak
0700-0800 15170 MEY 100 kW / 345 deg to WeAf French, no propagation
0700-0800 15300 ISS 500 kW / 185 deg to NWAf French
0700-0800 17850 ISS 500 kW / 153 deg to CeAf French
0700-0800 21580 ISS 500 kW / 155 deg to CeAf French

0800-0900 13695 ISS 500 kW / 204 deg to NWAf French, very very weak
0800-0900 15170 MEY 100 kW / 345 deg to WeAf French, no propagation
0800-0900 15300 ISS 500 kW / 190 deg to NoAf French

0800-0900 17850 ISS 500 kW / 153 deg to CeAf French

1200-1300 17620 ISS 500 kW / 200 deg to NWAf French

1200-1300 17620 ISS 500 kW / 185 deg to WCAf French

1200-1300 17660 MEY 250 kW / 342 deg to CeAf French

1200-1300 21580 ISS 500 kW / 155 deg to CeAf French

1430-1458 15360 ISS 500 kW / 085 deg to WeAs Farsi

1430-1458 17850 ISS 500 kW / 085 deg to WeAs Farsi. Video Aug. 7:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EEi0QbVu8UY&feature=youtu.be>

1500-1600 13630 ISS 500 kW / 055 deg to EaEu Russian

1500-1600 15215 ISS 500 kW / 080 deg to CeAs Russian

1500-1600 15360 MEY 250 kW / 007 deg to EaAf Swahili

1500-1600 17810 ISS 500 kW / 065 deg to SEAs Vietnamese from Aug. 31
15630

1600-1700 17615 ISS 500 kW / 170 deg to WCAf Hausa from Aug. 31 15360
Videos

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/08/quick-check-of-radio-france.html>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #866 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, August 12,
2014 via DXLD)

13740, Aug 13 at 1930, RFI French IDs, titulaires, fair signal, on 200
degree, 500 kW beam from Issoudun (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING
DIGEST)

** FRANCE [non]. 9955, August 8 at 0401 UT, WRMI has cleared away
other programming to relay RFI's English broadcast ``Paris Live`` at 6
am there, so maybe really live, world news presented in a rather
informal manner. 9955 reception is only fair, aimed away from us, but
very good on the webcast until cut off abruptly at 0430 during
interview about ebola; I guess RFI continues English for another
semihour, but not here! Preceded and followed by WRMI IDs in Spanish,
and at 0430 by Esolvaquia en espa0ol.

New August 1 schedule grid of WRMI shows RFI at 0400-0430 UT except
Sundays. See the August NASWA Journal where Richard Cuff writes about
RFI English programming on demand, implying that RFI is no longer on
SW at all, while it still is in French and several languages other
than English (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1734, DX LISTENING
DIGEST)

Heard presumed RFI in English between 0423 and 0430 via WRMI on 9955;
interviews about Ebola epidemic but no ID. Program interrupted just
before 0430 with WRMI ID in Spanish, then into Radio Slovakia
International in Spanish. Decent signal on 9955; some sort of pulsing
QRM fading in and out at low level, but not like usual Cuban jamming,

perhaps a utility transmitter? Nice to have another English news option at 0400; been a while since RFI had English sent our way, more or less (Steve Luce, Houston, Texas, Aug 8, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. [Re 6150, not KLL = Kall site] Test broadcast of Radio Europe 24 with ann. in Ge/En/Dutch from 1855 on 6150 DTN 015 kW / non-dir to CeEu. 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

Ivo, not DTN, rather >;04-JUN-2014: add: DAT DattelIn, D, 51N39 007E20

ITU Geneve / Bundesnetzagentur _ Germany's Federal Net Agency
registration entry:

; 04-JUN-2014 Global HF Transmitter Site Table
; 04-JUN-2014: add: DAT DattelIn, D, 51N39 007E20

; 10-JUN-2014 BROADCAST.TXT REFERENCE TABLE
; 10-JUN-2014: add: E24 Europa 24 (Germany)
(Wolfgang B,schel, ibid.)

Test broadcast of Radio Europe 24 with ann.in Ge/En/Dutch
from 1855 on 6150 DAT 015 kW / non-dir to CeEu. Video on August 7:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NxMdZy_Gz9Y&feature=youtu.be
(DX RE MIX NEWS #866 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, August 12,
2014 via DXLD)

6150 AM Europe 24 is testing while writing this at 2140 UT. Music and
IDs in German and English. 73 (Harald Kuhl, Aug 13, BDXC-UK yg via
DXLD)

** GERMANY. 9485, Atlantic 2000 International, *0800-0815, 10-08,
tuning music, identification in various languages, pop music and
comments in French. 24322 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Tecsun PL-880,
cable antenna, 8 meters, Logs in Reinante, Lugo, dxldyg via DX
LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. 15785, "bit eXpress" from Erlangen Germany in DRM mode
propagate strongly into Sven's SDR unit in mid Norway. At 0600 UT Aug
9 (Wolfgang B,schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 9, dxldyg via WORLD OF
RADIO 1734, DXLD)

So, what was the programming, worth listening to? 100 watts, sked 06-
05 UT since June 3 per Aoki (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1734, DXLD)

** GERMANY. Wertachtal sightseeing images and videos. Fotos und Videos
vom Kurzwellensender Wertachtal, kurz vor dem Abriss, von W.D. Roth:
<<http://neuerdings.com/2014/07/28/kurzwellensender-wertachtal/>>

(Christoph Ratzer, OE2CRM, <<http://ratzer.at>>, A-DX July 28 via BCDX 7 Aug via DXLD)

** GREECE. 9935, Aug 7 at 0156, ERTOpen is on but only fair signal compared to good // 9420 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ERT Open on Aug 7 again with wrong frequency this morning:

0600-1200 9420 AVL 170 kW / 323 deg WeEu Greek

0600-1200 9935 AVL 100 kW / 323 deg WeEu Greek, instead of 11645 NoAf

0600-1200 15630 AVL 100 kW / 285 deg WeEu Greek, very weak signal here

ERT Open on August 7 afternoon:

1200-1800 on 9420 AVL 170 kW / 323 deg to WeEu Greek

1200-1800 on 9935 AVL 100 kW / 323 deg to WeEu Greek

1200-1800 on 15650 AVL 100 kW / 105 deg to SoAs Greek, very weak here

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/08/ert-open-again-with-wrong-morning.html>

(DX RE MIX NEWS #866 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, August 12, 2014 via DXLD)

15630.06, Eliniki Radiophonia Tileorasi; 2130-2140+, 7-Aug; 2112-2140+, 9-Aug; Playing a very wide variety of tunes; have heard funk, pop, SS Latino, Brasillian, big band, Exorcist theme. W in Greek. SIO=352+; // 9420 SIO=3+53+; // 9935 with heavy 9930 B.S. splash, WTTW(presumed) (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9935, Aug 8 at 0109, ERTOpen, good with Greek music; better on // 9420 but with more fading, maybe caused by Iran CCI; and // 15630 is JBA. If WTTW-2 was on 9930 until 0100, that would have been too close for comfort (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

NOTHING heard of ERT-open Avlis Greece at 1600 UT August 8th, 73 wb (Wolfgang B,schel, dxldyg via DXLD)

9420, 9935 and 15630, ERTOpen are all missing Aug 9 in the 01-02 hour; at 0139 I can hear a very poor signal from Iran on 9420 as a result (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

This afternoon Aug 9th, checked ERT-open Avlis program, noted ON AIR! in 17-18 UT slot on 9420, 9935, and 15650 kHz with international pop music song. Flute pause signal identification on 1801 UT. 73 wb (Wolfgang B,schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hello Wolfy: Sat., August 9 -- at 2100 UT near Washington DC, ERT Open, 9935 is barely audible; 9420 is hardly audible; and 15650 is never audible here (John Babbis, MD, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 9935, Aug 10 at 0039, ERTOpen is on at good strength, but with some splatter from 9925 Mighty KBC; fortunately, WTWW is already on 5085 not 9930. // 9420 is VG; 15630 is JBA at 0047 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9420 // 9935, Aug 11 at 0110, ERTOpen are closed again (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

At 2000 UT onwards on UT Aug 12, ON AIR with music program at 2035 UT. 9420, 9935, and 15650 kHz. 73 wb (Wolfgang B, schel, dxldyg via DXLD)

9935, Aug 13 at 0141, ERTOpen is on tonight, but this is one of those occasions, about once a week, when only this transmitter suffers from motorboating, and unstable/warbling carrier with BFO on. // better and unmarred 9420 with Greek music, while 15630 is JBA carrier (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUATEMALA. 4055, Radio Verdad, 25222 a 35222 por volta das 0047 Aug 13, log wire 7 meters
<http://youtu.be/0ajmfc83PJg>
Forte 73s (Daniel Wyllyans, Nova Xavantina MT, Brasil, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. The following SW stations of AIR were noted with extended broadcast with live commentary on opening of Commonwealth Games, Glasgow, Jul 23 around 2030 (2.00 am IST) alternately in English and Hindi: 4810 Bhopal, 4835 Gangtok and 4910 Jaipur (Alokesh Gupta and Jose Jacob, DSWCI DX Window Aug 6 via DXLD)

O, yeah, those Games. Nothing about them on US media. Are they *that* inferior to the Olympix, Paralympix, or World Cup Football? (gh, DXLD)

** INDIA. Special broadcasts by AIR on Independence Day (15 Aug 2014)

India is celebrating its 68th Independence Day on 15 August 2014.
Details of special programs by AIR for the occasion are as follows:

14 August 2014 (Thursday) 1330 UTC (7.00 pm IST)
Honble President Pranab Mukherjee's Address to the Nation on the eve of Independence Day in Hindi and English at 1330 UTC (7.00 pm IST).

All stations of AIR will relay this on MW, SW & FM.
Look out on the following Home Service SW frequencies

4660 Leh
4760 Port Blair
4775 Imphal
4800 Hyderabad

4810 Bhopal
4820 Kolkata
4830 Jammu: Off air
4835 Gangtok
4840 Mumbai
4850 Kohima Irregular
4860 Shimla
4880 Lucknow
4895 Kurseong
4910 Jaipur
4920 Chennai
4940 Guwahati: Off air
4950 Srinagar
4960 Ranchi: Off air
4970 Shillong
4990 Itanagar
5010 Thiruvananthapuram
5040 Jeypore
5050 Aizawl
6030 Delhi
9425 Delhi
9380 Aligarh
9870 Bangalore

15 August 2014 (Friday) 0135-0240 UTC (0705-0810 hrs IST)

All India Radio will broadcast the running commentary in English and Hindi on the Flag Hoisting and Prime Minister's speech to be held at Red Fort, New Delhi between 0135-0240 UTC (0705-0810 hrs IST) on 15th August, 2014 on the following SW frequencies.

English: 9425, 11985, 15050

Hindi:

6155 Aligarh 250 kW

9595 Delhi 250 KW

11620 Bengaluru 500 KW

(Note : External Services in Urdu on 6155, 9595, 11620 are replaced by commentary at this time)

The Regional SW Stations will start using their day time frequencies about 1 hour or more earlier than usual on 15th August as follows to relay the Commentary. This may provide enhanced reception of stations than on normal days.

The sign on schedule for that day is as follows with normal sign on timings in brackets.

1. Bhopal - 0130 UTC (Ex 0225) 7430

2. Chennai - 0130 UTC (Ex 0300) 7380
3. Hyderabad - 0130 UTC (Ex 0225) 7420
4. Imphal - 0130 UTC (Ex 0225) 7335
5. Kolkata - 0130 UTC (Ex 0230) 7210
6. Port Blair - 0130 UTC (Ex 0315) 7390
7. Shimla - 0025 UTC (Ex 0215) 6020
8. Thiruvananthapuram - 0130 UTC (Ex 0230) 7290

Note: Srinagar will not change to 6110 at 0215 but will continue on 4950

Other frequencies operating as usual at that time but carrying the commentary is as follows:

4660	Leh
4830	Jammu:: Off air
4835	Gangtok
4840	Mumbai
4850	Kohima : Irregular
4880	Lucknow
4895	Kurseong
4910	Jaipur
4940	Guwahati: Off air
4960	Ranchi: Off air
4970	Shillong
4990	Itanagar
5040	Jeypore
5050	Aizawl
7270	Chennai

All stations of AIR will relay the running commentary. Reception Reports to : spectrum-manager@... [sic, truncated by yg]

or

Director (Spectrum Management & Synergy)
All India Radio,
Room No. 204
Akashvani Bhawan,
Parliament Street
New Delhi 110001, India

Yours sincerely, (Jose Jacob/Alokesh Gupta, Aug 1, DX_India yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1734, DXLD)

** INDIA. 4920, AIR Chennai, 1300, August 10. Fair reception without the presents of Tibet (PBS Xizang Tibetan Service), which temporarily is off the air; now is a good chance to hear Chennai in the clear with

no QRM at all; 1300 ID and into the news in Hindi.

4990, AIR Itanagar, 1307-1327, August 10. Nice to hear this one again; non-stop indigenous chanting/singing typical of the state of Arunachal Pradesh; very light China QRM (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1734, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 13695, Aug 11 at 1235, south Asian songs, fair with flutter, 1240 talk about Andhra Pradesh. HFCC shows the AIR Tamil/Telugu services, 1100-1245, 500 kW, 108 degrees from Bengaluru (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA [Re PNG:]. Hi Mark, Darwin is certainly a good spot for Asian DX, though the Philippines stations tend to dominate from sunset - Novelty to hear them once, but they become a bit of a pest after a while.

Irian Jaya is one of my special interests, and several outlets are easy pickings; Nabire 729, Fak Fak 774, Merauke 810, Sorong 909 and Serui 1026. I was unable to confirm Wamena on listed 1395, but still have many spectrum recordings to review, so others may emerge!

SDRs are ideal for an environment when the number of signals is overwhelming, so I'm sure your WinRadio will serve you well. 73 (Craig Seager, Aug 9, ARDXC via DXLD)

** INDONESIA. 3325, RRI-Palangkaraya, Aug 08 1358-1409, 33333-33332, Indonesian, Music, IS at 1400, Local news.

4869.92, RRI-Wamena, Aug 06 1051-1109, 35343, Indonesian, Music, IS at 1059, ID at 1100, Local news (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121, ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. Tour of RRI Ujung Pandang Transmitter Site, Indonesia

I came across this site on You Tube and assume it's the location that had a short life, and not now in use. Someone adds "same as RRI Cimanggis transmitter site" - does he mean it's the same site or the same set up? This tour took place in 1995 apparently (Noel R. Green (NW England), dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Ujung Pandang is former name for Makassar. IIRC there were once plans for some additional hi power hi frequency sites besides Cimanggis (near Jakarta), which never were fulfilled. Now even the domestic service from Makassar 4750 is silent (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

Noel, I guess that INS_now called Makassar again

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Makassar>

Ujung Pandang, Bonto Sunggu, Jeneparto, Sulawesi Selatan of
Sept 14, 1996 year, 4 (+1 reserve) x Marconi 250 kW SW txs at 6 masts,
was the very last MARCONI company shortwave site erection worldwide?

05 16'14.15"S 119 25'29.44"E
<<http://binged.it/1u1jS6o>>

INS__Ujung Pandang mediumwave 630 kHz 100 kW
05 16'10.26"S 119 25'21.75"E

Regular schedule towards East Asia, Alaska into North America as 2nd
target, lasted only 2-3 years in service, and all foreign services
went back to Jakarta Cimanggis TX site near capital.

I guess also 60 meter tropical band outlet:

Probably INS_Makassar 4749.95 kHz, see G.E. image of April 2009
05 16'02.02"S 119 25'26.42"E
<http://binged.it/1u1k2L0>

reported already by Mike Barraclough-UK in September 2012 in DXLD

Youtube video tour of RRI Ujung Pandang {Makassar} Transmitter Site,
Indonesia. Tour of Radio Republik Indonesia shortwave broadcast
transmitter site at Bonto Sunggu, Ujung Pandang, Indonesia 1995.
Filmed during installation of GEC Marconi B6131 250 kW HF broadcast
transmitters and associated antennas for the RRI National Broadcast
Project.
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YdFl_a38Rng>
(23 Sept 2012, via Mike Barraclough-UK, dxld Sept 25, 2012)

and report of Jan 2012 too:

Cannibalising Marconi transmitters at Bonto Sunggu, Sulawesi,
Indonesia. Greetings from Bandung Java isl, here's rainy and cool,
less than 24 degrees. But probably much warmer than at your location.

A little comment on VoI transmitter to contribute:

INDONESIA (History 1995/1996)

Back in Summer 1996, when they were installing the Bonto Sunggu site
in South Sulawesi, I was in Ujung Pandang (now Makassar) for some
months, thus also monitored the test transmissions.

In addition to the External Service on 9525 kHz they had at certain

times of the day up to eight frequencies carrying RRI Jakarta Programa Nasional simultaneously (from all sites), plus the old tropical band txm on 4777 kHz!

Later in the year the test transmissions evolved into a regular schedule, they even had two National Programmes, ID'ing as RRI Indonesia programa satu and dua respectively.

What happened to all five of the Bonto Sunggu transmitters? I don't see them listed nor mentioned anywhere ? Have they in the relatively short period of 15 years all broken down due to neglect and lack of maintenance? It's hardly possible that half a dozen transmitters are so worn out that they cannot even be used as spares!

If WRTH 2012 is right, could it be that they have been shipped to Jakarta Cimanggis? For what purpose? They couldn't have taken the antennas with them?! (Gerhard Werdin, on visit in Bandung, INS, Jan 29, 2012)

Beste Gruesse, Gerhard

On Mon Jan 16 2012, Noel Green-UK wrote: Re Voice of Indonesia (VOI) external service is off the air last few days. This is because of technical fault in the transmitter. VOI is in search of correct spares from the original equipment manufacturer. But it is not so easy for such old transmitter and expensive too.

We hope VOI will be back on the air very shortly.

It is interesting to note that the 2012 WRTH says that at Jakarta Cimanggis there are 2X50kW, 3X100kW and 9X250kW shortwave transmitters.

The TDP listing shows the following at Jakarta Cimanggis:

A series of 50 / 100 kW transmitters installed between 1950-1974 and now believed withdrawn from service. Then there are these:

3 X 100kW Harris of 1982
1 X 250kW THO of 1983 (ordered/or in service)
4 X 250kW MAR of 1992
3 X 250kW MAR of 1995

plus

5 X 250kW MAR of 1996 (ordered.or in service) at Bontosongu, Sulawesi
1 X 250kW THO of 1983 (ordered/or in service), Padang Cermin, Sumatra

As far as I'm aware, 9680 is regularly on air with a domestic RRI

programme, but now the 9525/6 transmitter is short of spares. So what happened to all of the other transmitters? Were they installed at all - and which of them is used on 9525/6?

Maybe all the cannibalising that can be done to keep it on air is why there is only one transmitter left for the FS? (Noel R. Green-UK, dxld Jan 16, 2012)

and of July 2006 year too:

Google Earth coordinates. RRI/VOINS Cimanggis Jakarta site, at 06S23.27 / 106E51.51 5 x 250 kW Marconi site.

Seemingly the second RRI/VoINS SW station at Bonto Sunggu, Jeneparto, Ujung Pandang, Sulawesi. See exact 05S16.11 / 119E25.27 and see a single MW mast, and two row lines of curtains: three masts each. Registered at 080 and 280 degr, slewed (75 and 275 deg).

9565 1300-0700 51 UJU 250 080 251098 280399 RRI
11750 2000-1400 54 UJU 250 280 251098 280399 RRI
11855 2300-1000 51 UJU 250 080 251098 280399 RRI
4 x 250 kW Marconi site.

. . . and not UJU Ujungpandang INS 05S10 119E25 as ITU entry.

One of the most mysteries on RRI/VoINS operations, - what happened to the FIVE 250 kW Marconi made txs at Ujung Padang site? Only two 250 kW units at Cimanggis is in regular usage (wb, wwdxc BC-DX July 5, 2006)

HISTORY ***

11884.7 kHz This UNID reported lately by Vlad Titarev in Ukraine, will ask Alan Davies on Lombok Isl to check this UNID :

Not mentioned in DXpress[Jembatan] since 1999 I guess.
Scheduled for 9565, 9630, [9680?], 11750, 11885 kHz.

Dipols towards 85 degrees.

11885 0900-1300 51 UJU 100 85 5 206 D INS RRI RRI
(wb, wwdxc BC-DX Feb 8, 2005)

NASWA 1996: I paid a visit to RRI Ujung Pandang. I spoke to the kepala stasiun Mr. Beni Koesbani and the head of the technical department Mr. Ashan Muhammad. Mr. Ashan Muhammad informed me that RRI is on SW now with 2 programs via 5x 250 kW txs from the location Bontosunggu (times and freqs: see info from Gerhard Werdin).

The schedule of RRI Ujung Pandang is as follows:
0000-0800 9550 (7.5 kW)

2100-2400 4750 (20 kW)
0800-1600 4750 (20 kW)
0000-0800 2490 (2 kW)

4719 kHz SW is standby with 50 kW in case the 20 kW 4750 khz tx breaks down. Reception reports can be send to :

Mr. Beni Koesbani, Kepala Stasiun and
Mr. Ashan Muhammad, Kepala Bidang Teknik
Departemen Penerangan RI
Stasiun RRI Nusantara IV
Jalan Riburane No. 3
Ujung Pandang 90111, Indonesia
(van Arnhem/DX Window/Yamada-JPN/Jembatan DX; 1996)

Five of nine!

Info on the inauguration of RRI's new txs by David Foster.

RRI's nine new 250 kW txs were officially inaugurated on Sep 14, 1996. In a 1-1/2 hour live bcast of the opening ceremony near Ujung Pandang, beginning at 0245 UTC on RRI Jakarta Programa Nasional, it was anncd that five of the nine txs, all believed to be supplied by Marconi, are situated at Bonto Sunggu in Kabupaten Gowa, 19 km south of UP.

The other four are located at Cimanggis (Jakarta). A sked was anncd, itemizing eight (not nine) freqs:

Bonto Sunggu:

9565 kHz, (?) -1400 UTC to Maluku & Irian Jaya;
9630 kHz, 2100-1000 UTC to Sumatra, Jawa Barat & Kalimantan,
both with Programa Nasional 1;
11750 kHz, 2000-2400 UTC to Sumatra, Jawa Barat & Kalimantan; and
11885 kHz, 0500-0900 UTC to Maluku & Irian Jaya, both with Programa Nasional 2.

Cimanggis: 9680, 11790 (prob. 11785), 15125 & 15150 kHz, no sked announced.

There are four new antenna arrays at Bonto Sunggu, six at Cimanggis.

Info was also given on costs, the area of the sites, elec. generators, modulation systems, and that two channels are available on the Palapa satellite for the feed to Banta Sunggu. This project was Marconi's third in Indonesia. Information Minister Harmaka opened the facility, and the ceremony was also attended by a representative from Marconi UK and the First Secretary of the British Embassy.

A fourth Marconi project will involve three new 250 kW FS txs, believed to be located at Cimanggis.

Notes to the above:

(1) Programa Nasional 1 and 2 are new references. There has only been one Programa Nasional until now, although it was known to split into two networks at 0030-0200 and 0830-1000 UTC (not daily).

[See October LN-AQ]

(2) Scheduled times have actually been changeable, although it is interesting to note that 9630 kHz was annncd to close at 1000* and has actually done so over the past few weeks.

(3) Perhaps the missing ninth freq represents a standby tx or one still to come on-line.

(4) Possibly Marconi's previous two projects involved the establishment of the presently-inactive 250 kW tx site at Padang Cermin near Medan, and the current high power FS tx on 9525 kHz. (Foster/OZDX/Jembatan DX/BCDX/Bueschel; 1996)

This seems only logical since at least the regional (nusantara) RRI stns have had a 2nd program for some time already. Concerning the different IS method, RRI Programa Nasional uses the Rayuan Pulau Kelapa (Song of the Coconut Islands) as an IS just before the news on the hour. The VOI uses an instrumental version of RPK at the end of each lang section. RRI PN usually plays the NA (Indonesia Raya) at the end of the news, as does VOI at the end of each transmission block. There is also a 'Pancasila' song heard sometimes (Pancasila being the state ideology). There's also a jingle '..Radio Republik Indonesia' heard occasionally. (Weridin/OZDX/Jembatan DX/BCDX/Bueschel, NASWA 1996) 73 wolffy (all above historical via B_schel, dxldyg via DXLD)

FYI:

[https://translate.google.com/translate?](https://translate.google.com/translate?sl=id&tl=en&js=y&prev=_t&hl=en&ie=UTF-8&u=http%3A%2F%2F222.124.10.206%2Findex.php%3Fsta%3D27&edit-text=)

[sl=id&tl=en&js=y&prev=_t&hl=en&ie=UTF-8&u=http%3A%2F%2F222.124.10.206%2Findex.php%3Fsta%3D27&edit-text=](https://translate.google.com/translate?sl=id&tl=en&js=y&prev=_t&hl=en&ie=UTF-8&u=http%3A%2F%2F222.124.10.206%2Findex.php%3Fsta%3D27&edit-text=)

(Ron Howard, California, ibid.)

It's the current RRI Makassar home page, originally:

<http://222.124.10.206/index.php?sta=27>

(Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

Re RRI Ujung Pandang, now Makassar --- thanks to Wolffy and Ron for their information. But it seems there is still no real evidence of what happened to this station. The transmitters would only be about 14 years old this year which is nothing when compared to some transmitters operating today.

In Ron's attachment is what looks to be the transmitting station today (Software Engineering Archives) and if it is, then it doesn't compare with the 1995 picture (Noel R. Green (NW England), dxldyg via DXLD)

** INDONESIA. 7289.94, RRI Nabire (presumed). Possible music around 0921, then soft-spoken M from 0937 recheck to 0945, and back to music. M returned at 0950. 0956:25 native singing, then more upbeat song 0957:00. M briefly at 1000. More somber music at 1001:30 with W voice-over. W ended talk at 1012:30 and back to music plainly audible. Pleasant W vocal song at 1030. Music 1033:40. And getting music at 1101 and M announcer at 1102 shortly. Music 1118:00. Was still going with what sounded like drums at 1130. Surprised and glad this was on throughout. (8 August) RRI Nabire staying on late:

<http://youtu.be/-IbQcFQYi1I>

73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via WORLD OF RADIO 1734, DXLD)

7289.95, RRI Nabire, 1132-1218, August 8. This exciting reception would never have happened except for the timely tip from Dave Valko! Running well past their normal sign off time; mostly talking; 1145 played patriotic song iBagimu Negeriî (For You Our Country); 1153 anthem(?) type of music; 1159 music leading into the Jakarta news; time pips; blocked at 1201 by sign on of strong CNR1; was able to hear RRI underneath till completely lost after 1218. News // 4869.90 (RRI Wamena), but 3325 (RRI Palangkaraya) was off the air and did not start broadcasting till later. Not sure what prompted this anomaly, but their Independence Day is coming up later this month. Also of note is an important ASEAN meeting being held this weekend in Myanmar. Worth checking again to see if they run late.

<https://app.box.com/s/wtytzdef7mss04l63mzw>

contains audio (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1734, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Craig, If you are still up in NT, can you keep an ear out for 7289.95 kHz RRI Nabire? Ron Howard emailed me to say he heard them last night at 1132-1218. See today's blog post:

<http://medxr.blogspot.com.au/2014/08/farewell-julian-station-news-and.html>
Cheers, (Rob Wagner, Aug 9, ARDXC via DXLD)

Rob, Just at the airport ready to fly out, but Nabire has been a regular over the past week on 7290, heard throughout the local day until dinner time, when I generally migrate to MW. Mostly signs off around 0900 or prior, though. May have extended once or twice without my noticing. No other Indonesians on SW heard to speak of, exceptions being 3325 Palangkaraya, 4870 Wamena, 9680 Jakarta and the Foreign Service 9526. Ternate 3345 may be there local mornings, but I didn't check. Also been hearing Nabire on medium wave 729, first foreign

station to fade in nightly, often around 0745-0800, increasing to armchair strength. 73 (Craig Seager, Berry Creek, NT (Perseus, EWEs x 3 - East, Nth and West), Sent from my iPad, ibid.)

** INDONESIA. Observations for Voice of Indonesia on August 4:
1508-1908 on 9525.9 JAK 250 kW / 290 deg to WeEu in Chinese/Arabic/Spanish and German, but with 8 minute delay between changes of languages. Videos:
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/08/observations-for-voice-of-indonesia-on.html>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #866 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, August 12, 2014 via DXLD)

9525.90, V. of Indonesia, Aug 06 1201-1211, 43443, Japanese, News, ID at 1203 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121, ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Voice of Indonesia open carrier, dead air at 1849 on 9525.9 on August 7:
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/08/voice-of-indonesia-open-carrier-dead.html>
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Aug 8, dxldyg via DXLD)

9525.9, Aug 8 at 1301, VOI with fair carrier, flutter, no QRM, but just barely modulated with presumed English, useless (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Voice of Indonesia open carrier/dead air or low modulation on Aug. and also in Aug. 8. Videos:
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/08/voice-of-indonesia-open-carrier-dead.html>
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

Voice of Indonesia open carrier/dead air or low modulation on Aug. 7/8/9. Videos:
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/08/voice-of-indonesia-open-carrier-dead.html>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SAmDQOCGZDw&feature=youtu.be>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bdhhIz1NAis&feature=youtu.be>

Surprisingly good reception for Voice of Indonesia on August 10:
from 1359 on 9525.9 JAK 250 kW / 290 deg to WeEu English/Indonesian.
Video:
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/08/surprisingly-good-reception-for-voice.html>

On Aug. 11 back to the normal schedule, 2 videos of Spanish/German:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZbyHbd-3cdE&feature=youtu.be>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9AF1G900n7s&feature=youtu.be>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #866 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, August 12,
2014 via DXLD)

** INTERNATIONAL INTERNET. CLASSICAL NET
<http://www.classical.net/index.php>
via Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The Internet is premier classical music source - Classical Net features more than 9000 pages and 20,000+ images including more than 7000 CD, SACD, DVD, Blu-ray, Book and Concert reviews and over 5500 links to other classical music web sites (Aug Radio HF Internet Newsletter via DXLD) including radio stations?

** IRAN [and non]. 12025.6, Aug 8 at 0131, unID JBA carrier here; checking again for VIRI Spanish which ought to be moving to 12025 to get out from under RHC on 11760 --- but I am still hearing traces of it there // 9860 at usual poor level (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15420.125, BBCWS UAE / IRIB Spanish 15430.012 at 0610 UT Aug 9 --- But BBCWS Al Dhabbaya UAE signal was hit heavily by broadband signal of IRIB on wide 15403.8 to 15455.4 kHz range this morning. 73 wb (Wolfgang B.schel, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

13650, IRIB Italian service from Kamalabad has a similar bad SCRATCHY broadband spurious signal like Spanish 15430 kHz.

Italian service spurs on wideband 13574.7 to 13587.4 kHz and also on upper side on 13712.8 to 13722.8 kHz. Also BBCWS English from Madagascar 13580 kHz suffers heavily at 0640 UT, latter MDG signal rather strong here in Germany at S=9+15dB level in mid-winter downunder.

IRIB Spanish 15430.012 kHz, broadband signal of IRIB on wide 15403.8 to 15455.4 kHz range this morning (Wolfgang B.schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 9, dxldyg via DXLD)

** IRAN [and non]. 13786, Aug 7 at 0530, not much signal from VIRI Arabic on 13785 but the carrier/het is there, as it has been at other hours beyond the VIRI span 0530-1430; and also hearing similar pitches at various other spots on the 13 MHz band, so I must conclude it is of local origin and not jamming or their own transmitter problem; never mind my previous speculation, also on WOR 1733 that Israel might be jamming it, however apropos that might be. No one replied to my query whether anyone else was hearing it; a ``no`` would have sufficed

13785, Aug 8 at 1419, VIRI Arabic service, VP with flutter, but NO het on the hi side. Hmmm, router in another room is unplugged due to earlier lightning, and sure 'nuff when I plug it in, the 13786 'carrier' comes back, grrr, (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1734, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11760, Aug 9 at 0103, CCI detectable under RHC, and still no 12025, so VIRI continues to collide with Cuba; at 0132, RHC has faded a bit on 11760, so the QRM is audibler, and // 9860.

9790, Aug 9 at 0124, Iran NA finishes, opening Kazakh service via Sirjan, fair with flutter. Comparing to 9860 Spanish via Kamalabad, 9860 is stronger and steadier, but lower modulation and hum.

11820, Aug 9 at 0134, the other Kazakh frequency via Sirjan, has good signal and would be listenable for nice music later were it not for the heavy splash from 11825 Brother Scare WRMI, aimed right down our throats. See also GREECE

12025, Aug 10 at 0050, VIRI Spanish has finally made the long-expected move from 11760, out from under RHC, // 9860. 12025 still has het on the hi side which I was getting previously, altho it could be my router again.

12025, Aug 11 at 0113, VIRI in Spanish, poor-fair for the second night ex-11760 escaping collision with Cuba.

11730, Aug 11 at 1221, VIRI IS, poor with flutter: it's the Pashto hour, 60 degrees via Sirjan, which from tomorrow will be blocked by BS from WRMI, 24 hours on this frequency (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

12025, 08/12 0021, IRAN VOIRI, relay(?), Spanish, IS, program start at 0023, Nat. Anthem, The Koran Prayer-line 204; VOIRI schedule in Spanish, ID, 45433/35433. Where the relay ??? Note: // 9860 active, 45544; // 11760 also active, 22442, poor.

Esta es mi primera escucha de la frecuencia de 12025 kHz. La calidad del se0al (S) y la propagaci0n (P) de VOIRI son satisfactorio en la nueva frecuencia de 12025 kHz, sin interferencia (I) de otra emisora y con la propagaci0n moderada en ciertos momentos de la transmisi0n; evaluada con un SINPO variable entre 45433 / 35433.

La frecuencia de 9860 kHz tiene el mejor se0al (45544).

La frecuencia de 11760 kHz (22442), a'n activa, es muy prejudicada por R. Habana Cuba en la misma frecuencia de 11760 kHz (JosÉ Ronaldo Xavier(JRX). Degen DE 1101 + Antenna Longwire. Cabedelo-Paraiba-Brazil, condiglista yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1734, DXLD)

Gracias por compartir el log, Jos . Hab a olvidado el test de aquella frecuencia en castellano. He de decir, que aquella frecuencia suele ser buen sima desde Agosto hasta entrado Octubre en cierto horario. Antiguamente, era un frecuencia donde se pod a escuchar una emisi n en rabe, pero no recuerdo hacia donde. Tambi n la monitoriar . 73.
(Claudio Galaz, Chile, Aug 12, ibid.)

12025, Aug 13 at 0137, no signal from VIRI in Spanish --- it had moved here and heard on Aug 10 & 11; not logged on Aug 12, and not sure if I noticed it or not. But now it's back to:

11760, Aug 13 at 0138, VIRI Spanish audible under RHC, and // 9860 stilted Spanish. Why didn't they stay on clear 12025?? Old habits die hard. Kazakh service also audible on 11820 with heavy 11825 WRMI splash (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1734, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAN [non]. CLANDESTINE: Radio Payem e-Doost:
1800-1845 on 7480 KCH 500 kW / 116 deg to WeAs Farsi
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mk8AvfndNI4&feature=youtu.be>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #866 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, August 12, 2014 via DXLD)

** JAPAN. Tres videos de Youtube que muestran el sistema de antenas de Radio Nikkei en Nagara, Jap n. Registrados en junio de 2011.
Primera parte: <http://youtu.be/soj3KjrxggQ>
Segunda parte: <http://youtu.be/a-wk4dJTXRk>
Tercera parte: <http://youtu.be/Bdfs973lmgc>
73! -- (Rodolfo Tizzi, Uruguay, Aug 11, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH. 11994.978 spurious signal at 0800 UT, VOK Japanese from fundamental 11865 kHz Kujang site, 129.978 kHz spurious

D.P.R. Kujang transmission center suffers some main power cut today? Many breaks occurred in 08-09 UT slot.

Usual Russian service 9875 11735 13760, and 15245 kHz.
Japanese service on 9650 and 11865 kHz,
Chinese service on 7220 and 9445 kHz.

But ONLY 7220.000 kHz heard with symphonic music AT THIS HOUR, all traced on Nagoya JPN remote unit. So, my strong guess is, that 7220 kHz originate from Kanggye KRE transmitting center INSTEAD.

All others off air units from international service center at Kujang.
73 wb (Wolfgang B schel, Aug 11, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11995 must be a mixture of 11865 and 11735, 130 kHz on the other side.
73, (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

Yes, sure Glenn, an intermodulation product of 130 kHz at Kujang site. I couldn't check the lower side - symmetrical - 11605 kHz channel today, because all KUJANG outlets were OFF AIR later around at 0820 UT, only single 7220 kHz Chinese on air, probably via Kanggye KRE site. 73 wb (B_schel, Aug 11, ibid.)

** KOREA NORTH. 11735 // 11710, Aug 11 at 1249*, VOK rudely cuts off its own anthem before the end of this KCBS Korean service, but they play it to death anyway (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. 3985, Radio Echo Voice of Hope - Koreia of North Essa emissora longica transmits CLA em idioma coreano por volta das 1050 UT Aug 13, 35233, Antena long wire 7 meters
<http://youtu.be/isyQF7aGJfE>
Forte 73s (Daniel Wyllians, Nova Xavantina MT, Brasil, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. Observations of CLANDESTINE stations:
Radio Free Chosun:
1300-1500 on 15630 PUG 250 kW / 020 deg to KRE Korean
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NN76qp_dA-A&feature=youtu.be
[I thought this was via UZBEKISTAN, not PHILIPPINES now --- gh]

Nippon no Kaze:
1530-1600 on 9965 HBN 100 kW / 345 deg to NEAs Korean
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T8eMXIQgI04&feature=youtu.be>

Furusato no Kaze:
1430-1500 on 9960 HBN 100 kW / 345 deg to NEAs Japanese
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ygLrh-xb87Q&feature=youtu.be>
1600-1630 on 9960 HBN 100 kW / 345 deg to NEAs Japanese
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1bJTWl2HdnM&feature=youtu.be>

North Korea Reform Radio:
1430-1530 on 9300 TAC 100 kW / 070 deg to KRE Korean
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eM4lf4l01xs&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Free North Korea:
1530-1630 on 11550 DB 100 kW / 071 deg to KRE Korean
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OMLCF6b7IDA&feature=youtu.be>

Voice of Martyrs:
1600-1730 on 7510 TAC 100 kW / 065 deg to KRE Korean
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fnY6cgbDxuY&feature=youtu.be>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #866 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, August 12, 2014 via DXLD)

UZBEKISTAN, Frequency change of Voice of Martyrs effective from Aug. 6 1600-1730 7530 TAC 100 kW / 065 deg to KRE Korean ex 7510 from July 2 Alternative frequencies: 7505/7510/7520/7525.

Videos on new 7530 & old 7510:

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/08/frequency-change-of-voice-of-martyrs.html>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oN6DmlpoXLA&feature=youtu.be>

(DX RE MIX NEWS #866 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, August 12, 2014 via DXLD)

** KOREA SOUTH. 4450, Voice of the People, Kyonggi-do, 8 Aug 1030 - monologue in presumed Korean, operatic type vocals before top of hour, theme music at the top-of-hour followed by another monologue until 1140 end of recording. Signal improving toward local sunrise, overpowering the KRE noise-jammer presumed to be emanating from the carrier noted at 4449.91. 73,

(Brandon Jordan, Fayette County, TN USA, <http://www.swldx.us>

WinRadio: G313e | G33DDC 'Excalibur Pro'

RFSPACE: SDR-IQ | NetSDR [locked to Thunderbolt GPSDO]

Array Solutions: SAL-12 & SAL-30 Shared Apex Loops

DX Engineering: NCC-1 Phaser|2x ARAV3 Active Verticals

dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KURDISTAN [and non]. VOA PARTNERS WITH NRT TV IN IRAQI KURDISTAN

VOA Kurdish Service broadcaster Dakhil Elias hosts the weekly TV show Kurd Connection, now airing on NRT TV in Iraqi Kurdistan [caption]

WASHINGTON, D.C., August 8, 2014 - Voice of America's Kurdish-language TV program is now airing on NRT TV, one of the most popular channels in Iraqi Kurdistan.

The VOA Kurdish Service's first-ever TV affiliate, NRT TV, will broadcast its weekly program Kurd Connection on Sunday evenings, with a rebroadcast the following day.

VOA is also providing NRT TV with ad-hoc live coverage. A VOA Kurdish reporter appeared on NRT TV's evening prime news hour Thursday for a 10-minute live Q & A, acting as the station's "U.S. bureau," providing Washington's reaction to the latest developments in Iraq. The service provided another live cut-in Friday about the increasingly tense situation in Iraq.

"Our journalists are able to provide the U.S. perspective on the ongoing conflict in Iraq to an audience that is underserved by traditional media outlets," said VOA Director David Ensor. "This new affiliate agreement allows us to better reach audiences on the platforms they prefer."

VOA is the only government-funded international broadcaster with a Kurdish service, and reaches its audience on radio, television and the Internet. [***]

In addition to the new TV affiliate, the Kurdish Service recently launched an enhanced digital strategy, nearly doubling traffic for both the Sorani and Kurmanji language sites this week . A social media push immediately following President Obama's address Thursday has resulted in a spike in Web traffic and Facebook likes.

VOA Kurdish radio programs are broadcast by shortwave and AM, as well as on FM affiliates in several cities in Iraq, including Arbil, Sulaimania, Kirkuk, Mosul, Baghdad, and Basra.

VOA Kurdish programs target more than 30 million Kurds living in the Middle East and Eurasia, and audience research indicates that the broadcasts are popular among listeners in Iran, Iraq, Syria, and Turkey.

For more information about this release, contact the VOA Public Relations office in Washington at (202) 203-4959, or write to publicrelations@voanews.com. For more information about VOA, visit the Public Relations website at <http://www.insidevoa.com> or the main news site at <http://www.voanews.com> (VOA PR Aug 8 via DXLD)

*** NO, it's not!! Voice of the Islamic Republic of Iran, and Public Radio of Armenia have Kurdish broadcasts on SW and MW. All the others are by Christian evangelists (Glenn Hauser, to VOA PR, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Changes in A-14 schedule of Voice of America Kurdish:

0500-0600 on 11995 SMG 250 kW / 114 deg to WeAs till Aug. 10

0500-0600 on 15560 IRA 250 kW / 310 deg to WeAs till Aug. 10

0500-0600 on 17870 BIB 100 kW / 085 deg to WeAs till Aug. 10

1400-1500 on 15470 BOT 100 kW / 010 deg to WeAs, unchanged

1400-1500 on 17870 IRA 250 kW / 299 deg to WeAs, unchanged

1700-1800 on 7365 BIB 100 kW / 105 deg to WeAs, unchanged

1700-1800 on 9850 BIB 100 kW / 105 deg to WeAs, unchanged

1700-1800 on 11995 IRA 250 kW / 315 deg to WeAs, unchanged

1900-2000 on 6170 BIB 100 kW / 105 deg to WeAs from Aug. 11

1900-2000 on 7220 LAM 100 kW / 108 deg to WeAs from Aug. 11

1900-2000 on 9470 LAM 100 kW / 105 deg to WeAs from Aug. 11

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/08/changes-in-14-schedule-of-voice-of.html>
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Aug 9, dxldyg via DXLD)

These planned changes were canceled on 9 August (Ivo, later, ibid.)

Voice of America, Aug. 11:

0500-0600 11995 SMG 250 kW / 114 deg WeAs English, instead of Kurdish

0500-0600 15560 IRA 250 kW / 310 deg WeAs Kurdish, as scheduled

0500-0600 17870 BIB 100 kW / 085 deg WeAs English, instead of Kurdish

(Ivo Ivanov, *ibid.*)

** KURDISTAN [non]. MOLDOVA, 11510, nothing heard of Radyoya Denge Kurdistane via Grigoriopol at 0520 UT, but came back at 0523 UT Aug 11 (Wolfgang B. Schell, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11510, Aug 11 at 1348, Kurdish music on fair signal; Denge Kurdistana via PRIDNESTROVYE reception may be seasonally improving here after a long summer doldrum? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KUWAIT. 15475, R. Kuwait, Aug 06 1303-1315, 35443, Arabic, ID 1314. 15475, R. Kuwait, Aug 07 1402-1412, 35443, Arabic, Talk and Arabic music, ID at 1403 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121, ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15475, Aug 10 at 0054, ME music is P-F, i.e. R. Kuwait's new 24-hour channel (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1734, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[non log]. 15475, Radio Kuwait, August 13. Very good news for LRA36 on 15476, Radio Kuwait not heard at 0325 and subsequent checking and also not at 1231 and subsequent checks till 1352 (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1734, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, yesterday Aug. 12 Radio Kuwait was observed on 15475, but not on the air today Aug. 13. Probably cancelled 24/7 on this frequency and will be again 1700-2000 on 13650; 2000-2400 on 17550 and 0200-0900 on 5960 (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, *ibid.*)

Changes of Radio Kuwait, General Service effective from August 13:

0000-2400 on 15475 additional from July 24 to Aug 12 Arabic, cancelled

0200-0900 on 5960 KBD 500 kW / non-dir to N/ME Arabic, back on air

1700-2000 on 13650 KBD 500 kW / 350 deg to NoAm Arabic, back on air

2000-2400 on 17550 KBD 500 kW / 350 deg to NoAm Arabic, back on air

Bad propagation. Two videos: 1st-13650 is not // 6050, 2nd-13650 is // 6050

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/08/radio-kuwait-general-service-cancelled.html>

(Ivo Ivanov, Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1734, DXLD)

Video at 2005 on 17550 // 6050

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/08/radio-kuwait-general-service-cancelled.html>

(Ivo, ibid.)

13650, Aug 13 at 1926, R. Kuwait reactivated, Arabic talk, fair with flutter, after several days on 15475 instead. Good news for LRA36 Antarctica, if they are still trying to broadcast on 15476, not reported lately altho this hour is around their peak time on weekdays. 13650 off by 2000, so I then wait for same transmitter to pop on 17550.

17550, Aug 13 at *2002:48, R. Kuwait carrier comes on after QSY from 13650, both to North America Central & West, also ex-15475. Joins Arabic in progress, good with heavy flutter, 2005 nice romantic-sounding music. On this high band, reception is quite variable, but today is a good day. Only two other signals audible on 16m now, 17790 WRMI, and 17850 Spain, not fluttery, but roughly equal levels.

15540, Aug 13 after 2000, R. Kuwait English service also audible fairly, with western pop music (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1734, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KYRGYZSTAN. 4010, Radio Kyrguistan - Radio do Pais Quirguist,,o em 4010 em idioma Kyrguystans, 0025 UT Aug 13, sinpo 35323, long wire 7 meters. <http://youtu.be/HnTkaRICO-M> Forte 73s (Daniel Wylllyans, Nova Xavantina MT, Brasil, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LAOS. 6129.978 - As often noted in past months, one of two transmitters available at Vientiane transmitter site is always some 20 Hertz down lower side; the other unit is rather on even frequency, scheduled 0855-1600 UT according to Aoki Nagoya list. Noted tiny signal this European afternoon Aug 7 around 1520 UT, S=7 -82dBm, poor modulation, but could easily identify Vietnamese service and typical SoEaAsian Buddhist chimes music (Wolfgang B,schel, BCDX 7 Aug via DXLD)

6129.95, Lao National Radio, Vientiane, 08 August, 2207, suspected the one in the clear here with carrier and hints of talk. Co-channel Xizang PBS was off, as were 6025, 6050, 6110. Remember at least some of these were out of service too in 2nd half of August last year. Worth monitoring in the next few days (Martien Groot, Schoorl, Netherlands, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1734, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Thanks, Martien, for confirming Xizang PBS is currently off the air. A few days ago I thought that Voice of Jinling on 6200 was especially good, being free from the usual PBS QRM. So all of Xizang PBS must be down now for a while. A great chance to hear stations like VOJ and LNR in the clear (Ron Howard, California, Aug 9, ibid.)

6129.978, Same channel of Laotian National Radio Vientiane noted Aug

8th, English service end at 1429 UT, followed by news in French start at 1430 UT. S=9+5dB or -70dBm strength (Wolfgang B.schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 7/8, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1734, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6130, Lao National Radio, Vientiane, 1553, Aug 12, talk in presumed Khmer, 1601 Lao? closing announcement, dead air to 1604:00 off. One of their better appearances here, slightly stronger even than adjacent CNR-1 on 6125, co-channel Xizang PBS still off (Martien Groot, Schoorl, Netherlands, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6129.99, Lao National R, Vientiane, 2207-2335, Aug 12, Lao talks, 25232, while Xizang PBS was off the air for maintenance on 4905, 4920, 6110, 6130 and 7385 (Anker Petersen in Skovlunde, Denmark on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of antenna, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

After several days with just a carrier on 6130 kHz tonight I have a good readable signal from Vientiane domestic service at 2230 UT. 73 (Harald (listening from Northern Denmark) Kuhl, Aug 12, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

Hi DXers, till 2211 UTC it was just a fairly strong carrier, then good readable audio started. Hopefully China stays off this channel some days more. 73 (Harald Kuhl, Aug 13, ibid.)

** LIECHTENSTEIN. See PUBLICATIONS: silent countries

** MALAYSIA. 1 Aug: 11665 heard till 1800 with nice ML music, Fair.

2 Aug: 11665 again heard again with good signal on the beach of Fourka in // 9835 at 1700.

5 Aug: 11665 off, checked at 1700. Seems they reverted to their regular time format (Zacharias Liangas, Using HF150, 20 m of wire in the area nearby to Fourka Chalkidiki, Greece, without WiFi; Typed with tablet used secretly very late nights to avoid daughter's intrusion or misuse, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALI. 5995, Aug 3, 2133, RTV Mali, talks, audio better than last months, fair. Buoni ascolti estivi! (Giampiero Bernardini, Italy, Drake R7 - Perseus, playdx yg via DXLD)

** MALI. See CHINA [non]. CRI vs CRI on 17630

** MALTA. 999 kHz, Radju Malta (700 km). Fair signal everyday during daytime, good copy (no QRM, no QSB). Nice music program all day with brief talks in Maltese. BBC news in English at 1200 and 1800 UT. After sunset strong QRM from other stations. 73 (Giovanni Carboni, IZ5PQT,

MW Log from. S. Antioco Island (39 N, 8 27' E) [southwest corner of Sardinia], SONY ICF-SW7600GR portable with own antenna, Cumbre DX yg via DXLD)

** MEXICO. ¿CUÁNTO SE PAGÓ POR LAS FRECUENCIAS DE RADIO FM EN MÉXICO?
11-agosto-2014 Gabriel Sosa Plata

Solicitó el monto de las contraprestaciones económicas o pagos realizados por los concesionarios de la radio de AM que desearon migrar a la banda de FM, como consecuencia del acuerdo publicado en septiembre de 2008.

De acuerdo con el Instituto Federal de Telecomunicaciones (IFT), hasta mayo de 2014, se habían otorgado 521 frecuencias de FM en prácticamente todos los estados del país, con excepción del Distrito Federal, donde no hubo ni hay disponibilidad de canales libres por las restricciones de la norma técnica que regula la operación de estaciones en esta banda.

El estado más beneficiado con frecuencias de FM es Veracruz, con 56; le sigue Chihuahua con 36, Coahuila con 35, Sonora con 32 y Sinaloa con 31. En contraparte, en Tlaxcala sólo una estación de AM migró a la FM y en Morelos 3, en el Estado de México 4 y en Nuevo León y Quintana Roo, 5 en cada entidad.

¿A cuánto ascendió el pago realizado por las frecuencias? El pago más alto lo hizo el concesionario de la XEQW (Radio Poderosa, S.A. de C.V.), ubicada en Mérida. Pagar un millón 915 mil 380 pesos por la FM, en 10 cómodas anualidades (es decir, 191 mil 538 pesos por año). Le siguió el concesionario de la XEPO (Cable Master, S.A. de C.V.), de la capital de San Luis Potosí, quien también en 10 años pagar un total de un millón 663 mil 420 pesos.

Quien menos pagó fue el concesionario de la XEPAS (David Meza Carlon) en Punta Abreojos, Baja California Sur. Hizo un solo pago de 697 pesos. También simbólicos fueron los pagos de otro par de concesionarios de igual número de bahías: Asunción y Tortuga, en la misma Baja California Sur. La primera, Bertha Josefa Cesaria Cota Aguilar, pagó mil 195 pesos, mientras que el segundo, Candelario Serna Gurrola, mil 990 pesos.

El programa de transición hacia la FM benefició esencialmente a los empresarios de la radio. De las 521 frecuencias entregadas, 501 fueron para la radio comercial; las 20 restantes a gobiernos estatales, Universidades y a Órganos como el Instituto Mexicano de la Radio (IMER) y la Comisión Nacional para el Desarrollo de los Pueblos Indígenas. Esta política tan benéfica hacia los grupos que controlan la radio comercial, contrasta con la política que históricamente ha

reducido las posibilidades para el desarrollo de la radio comunitaria e indígena, incluso en la nueva legislación secundaria en telecomunicaciones.

Como hemos comentado en otras ocasiones, este cambio tecnológico tiene consecuencias muy importantes en la radio: en los formatos y géneros radiofónicos, en los hábitos de consumo hacia la radio y los medios de comunicación, en la inversión publicitaria, entre otros factores.

También, como dijimos la semana pasada en EL UNIVERSAL, este programa de transición hacia la FM podría ampliarse si se modifican las normas técnicas para reducir de 800 a 400 kHz la separación entre dos emisoras en operación y así cumplir con uno de los artículos transitorios de la Ley Federal de Telecomunicaciones y Radiodifusión que ordena que en su programa de trabajo, el IFT procurar "la migración del mayor número posible de estaciones de concesionarios de la banda AM a FM".

A continuación la lista de autorizaciones, por estado, para la migración a la FM:

Veracruz: 56
Chihuahua: 36
Coahuila: 35
Sonora: 32
Sinaloa: 31
Michoacán: 29
Chiapas: 28
Guanajuato: 26
Oaxaca: 19
San Luis Potosí: 18
Guerrero: 17
Tamaulipas: 17
Jalisco: 15
Nayarit: 15
Tabasco: 15
Durango: 14
Yucatán: 13
Zacatecas: 13
Baja California Sur: 12
Puebla: 12
Aguascalientes: 10
Hidalgo: 10
Querétaro: 9
Colima: 8
Campeche: 7
Baja California: 6
Nuevo León: 5

Quintana Roo: 5

Estado de México: 4

Morelos: 3

Tlaxcala: 1

(source?? via Carlos J. V., México, via Juan Franco Crespo, Spain,
DXLD)

Searching on the headline finds it here:

<http://www.mediatelecom.com.mx/~mediacom/index.php/radiodifusion/radio/item/71238-%C2%BFcu%C3%A1nto-se-pag%C3%B3-por-las-frecuencias-de-radio-fm-en-m%C3%A9xico.html>
(Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** MEXICO. [Cf DXLD 14-30, 14-31:] TELEVISION NEWS, DIGITAL CONVERSION

IFT seems to be overhauling TDT campaign

The IFT put this YouTube ad up on Friday. It reminds me a lot of the American DTV conversion materials.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZkRTF1v1PkY>

Meanwhile, a couple observations I wanted to relay:

#1. Between Campeche, Chiapas, Tabasco, Quintana Roo and Yucatán ó that's five states with 11 million total people ó there was only ever one analog station on UHF. This station is Chiapas state network relay XHITC-33 Comitán de Domínguez. For a lot of viewers in rural parts of México, there will be new antennas in the future to get adequate UHF reception.

#2. Something was pointed out in the Mexico TV forum I follow about Gala TV. In one thread, someone referred to XHY as a Gala TV "franchise" (a word I've pretty much never seen in Mexican television!). In another post in the same thread (which is about the sign-on of digital stations in Mérida and has gone on for quite some time), we got this:

"I think Televisa is applying changes in licensing out part of its channels to companies like Grupo SIPSE [XHY and XHCCU-13 Cancún]. I think this is good because it's kinda like the United States in which a licensee gets the rights to a certain signal, something we're seeing in smaller Mexican cities.

With the new law [Telecom Law], for instance, we're seeing new options for Gala TV in various cities across the Mexican Republic, such as Acapulco [XHAP-2], Cd. Juárez [XEJ-5], Mérida, Q. Roo, Laguna [XELN-4], etc., etc." Posts in the thread mention that XHY was the first of Televisa's local stations to switch to the Gala TV format entirely, on December 2, 2013, and XHCCU (previously known as TVCUN) went along

with it, but that their programming continued to be mostly the same (including chunks of the day where XHY ran Foro TV programs).

The rest of the explanation requires a bit more background. Networks with a certain coverage reach are declared "national" and must be offered by Televisa/Azteca to cable/satellite companies who must carry them. Televisa's 2 and 5 and Azteca 7 and 13 are these networks; notably Gala TV does not have enough national reach to meet this threshold. The idea is probably that most viewers will still need an antenna to watch Gala TV (and thus their local programs) even if they have Dish or Sky.

XHY-TDT (25) just signed on July 9 though the station still needs to make some other changes to broadcast an HD signal. [MÉrida]

#3. I also ran into some sad news about the end of some helpful ID material on XHY: Aquí en el 2 and its Canc'n counterpart both ended their runs at the end of 2013 (on December 24). The morning show had aired 4,080 times over 17 years. The replacement is called "Calle 60".

#4. A station in Mérida may have trouble making the transition: Yucatan's state station (which is a concession) XHST-13. Finances are the problem. The station is licensed for 42 kW but is only putting out 5 kW according to what I'm reading (Raymie, AZ, July 29, WTFDA Forum via DXLD)

XHCNL-3

So much mystery, so few words. I've already cracked the code of XHCNL's other low-band shadow, channel 2 in Saltillo, which is actually licensed as a relay of XEFB.

But this case is still taking time to solve. I'm learning of other shadows thanks to conversations with people in Monterrey and Saltillo, but nobody can figure out XHCNL-3.

What I do know is that if you get Monterrey by tropo, you may want to watch out for additional shadows, which the users do know exist:

XHWX-8 (apparently this XHWX-8 repeats the national Azteca 13 signal?)
XHAW-13

XHFN-50 (Guadalupe, N.L.: [25 38'25.5", -100 11'59.5"] ó coordinates known from document specifying TDT operations for the shadow channel)
XHCNL-60

I'll keep talking and we'll keep looking.

I have solved another shadow channel that I was unsure of. This one is

XHDI-6 Col. Los Remedios, Durango (we've been specifying an incorrect location).

This station is at Durango's antenna farm along with sister shadow XHDUH-24. Main stations XHDI-5 and XHDUH-22 are on Cerro las Minitas which is west of town (and also is a silver, lead and zinc mining site!). As Televisa has done in places like Monterrey, Puebla and QuerÉtaro where it has shadow channel sites closer to the cities, it's been building TDT facilities there before at the main sites.

Coordinates are [240112.35, -1044056.28].

This one made me go XH-DUH (heh) because I had run into this mountain before while writing a Wikipedia article on a Durango TV station.

Also: color me impressed at the Facebook presence of 100-watt XHGSM-4 San Miguel de Allende, Gto.
<https://www.facebook.com/Canal4SMA>
(Raymie, AZ, July 31, ibid.)

XHCNL-3 Part II

Nobody can figure out our XHCNL-3. Nobody. Several people are trying but not coming up with anything. Worse yet, there's something that might be heading in the right direction but finding this thing will be a nightmare. Translated:

"Now that I think about it, there are communities and ejidos out of the reach of TV stations and their shadows where there are very low-powered transmitters to offer some television service.

Back to Galeana [Nuevo LeÛn], in the ejido 18 de Marzo ... there's a community transmitter on channel 10 that broadcasts MTY TelevisiÛn during the day and Canal de las Estrellas in the evening, serving five nearby communities and some 3,000 people.

The only shadow that is received there is shadow XHWX-4 from Galeana."

This XHCNL-3 is my greatest challenge yet (Raymie, AZ, Aug 2, ibid.)

XHCNL-3 Part III

I'm really thinking Cadereyta or Sabinas Hidalgo if this station isn't a community TV translator.

It can't be Montemorelos, Linares or Galeana because Azteca has channel 4s there. (Notably XHWX-4 Montemorelos has no offset while the other XHWX-4s have a minus offset!) Sabinas Hidalgo is spaced far

enough to other channel 3s (Piedras Negras at 140 miles, Corpus Christi* at 190) to probably have a channel 3.

At this point it's probably time to write Televisa Monterrey (Raymie, AZ, Aug 6, *ibid.*)

DIGITAL TV DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM, PHASE II

The SCT announced today

<http://www.eluniversal.com.mx/finanzas-cartera/2014/sct-tv-digital-1028525.html>
that the second phase of the digital television distribution program, to begin this month, will include the following areas:

Ciudad Juárez

Mexicali

Monterrey

Laguna/Torreón

"Occidente-Bajío", including Guadalajara, León, Querétaro, Celaya, Morelia Mich. and San Luis Potosí (see this map)

<http://sct.gob.mx/comunicaciones/transicion-a-la-television-digital-terrestre/>
[lots of info there but don't see map now; maybe linked somewhere -gh]

The first phase, already complete, included Nuevo Laredo and Reynosa/Matamoros.

Per the new digital television policy currently up for public review, the IFT will give at least a month's notice before an analog shutoff is performed in a particular area.

<http://www.eluniversal.com.mx/finanzas-cartera/2014/impreso/ift-avisara-apagon-analogico-con-anticipacion-111952.html>

It will also consider ongoing elections when making such decisions. The threshold that must be met to perform a shutoff is penetration of 90% or higher of "low resource" homes as defined by Sedesol, the Mexican state welfare agency.

Most areas of the country will be having distributions in August 2015. January 2015 will see distributions in central Mexico, such as the Distrito Federal, Puebla, Edomex, Morelos and Tlaxcala (Raymie, AZ, Aug 6, *ibid.*)

An interesting discussion came up about new types of IDs in Mexico.

You might recall back in May and again last month the "blue-box" ID for XEZ-TDT that was caught by Mike Perron: "XEZ-TDT Canal 29 Querétaro (ZAMORANO)". In addition, XHBC has been caught with a custom ID style, and XERV

<http://forums.wtfda.org/showthread.php?8837-XERV-9-text-ID>

andXHAB have some of the smallest IDs known to date (both of which list their DTVs).

But it appears that it is not just Zamorano, Mexicali or Matamoros that's changing. New IDs have been spotted in Mexico City and in all-digital Tijuana. All of these IDs are using RF channels for the digital stations. The Tijuana ones are on a blue background. There are also now known text IDs upper left at the top and bottom of the hour on the Televisa Mexico City stations, with the DTVs running different IDs: "XHTV-TV, Canal 4, Ciudad de MÈxico" versus "XHTV-TDT Canal 49, M...XICO, Distrito Federal". XEW's is known to be on a RED background (and is believed to be running only on XEW-2 itself!). I am unsure of how XHTV's or XHGC's look.

I posted in the thread (using some of Danny's historic DX photos as examples of ID types) and learned that a third, high-VHF station is using the black box IDs: XHCHZ-13 Chihuahua, Chih. (with [XHCHZ-13]). Apparently XHFI-5 is also running a somewhat unusual ID which I've asked for photos of.

Last edited by Raymie; 08-10-2014 at 03:56 AM (Raymie, AZ, Aug 9, ibid.)

On identifications

Well, another user decided to help and put up the IDs mentioned for XEW

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uH0F5LnRkWM>

and XHTV

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2zn2Unh0mqS>

These are only running in Mexico City, which may make identifying the real XEW-2 possible!, but they are small.

He seems to also live in Campeche, so we get to see an ID for Azteca's XHCAM-2+ (50 kW) (in kinda tiny font, but with its offset!).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9e9in6Jy4wA>

He also linked to a black box ID style (just replaced in 2013!) for another Televisa station, "XHCPA C8" (in Cd. del Carmen) and a normal ID (with an odd format) for XHAN-12 Campeche ("XHAN-TV C 12(-) CAMPECHE, CAMP.")

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sr7i49IkMw4>

I have some other news but it merits its own thread. Last edited by Raymie; 08-13-2014 at 01:14 AM (Raymie, AZ, Aug 11, ibid.)

Meet SIPREM

August 13 will mark 30 days since the promulgation of the new telecom

law and the accompanying Mexican Public Broadcasting System Act (Ley del Sistema P'blico de Radiodifusi3n del Estado Mexicano), and the changes are happening already online.

@OPMAMX's tweets are protected now while the domain opma.gob.mx redirects to spr.gob.mx.

The IFT today also had its monthly commission meeting and approved endorsements (refrendos) to permits to 19 television stations of the governments of Sonora, Nuevo Le3n and Michoac3n. Given the number of stations involved I'm thinking that (barring the idea that their permits didn't need to be renewed right away) Sonora and Nuevo Le3n may not convert some of their exceedingly low-powered transmitters to digital. Notably XEWH is a concession (Raymie, AZ, Aug 13, *ibid.*)

** MEXICO. Default New logo for Azteca Trece to debut 8/16
<http://forums.wtfda.org/showthread.php?9155-New-logo-for-Azteca-Trece-to-debut-8-16>

Accompanying a new program lineup, and just a month after Televisa's Canal Cinco rolled out its own new logo, Azteca Trece itself has a new logo coming out on Saturday:

Name: d4a68825a4016f28dfb5dce93c85cb10.jpg Views: 20 Size: 10.2 KB

It reminds me a lot of Britain's ITV, but I'm not here to deliver reaction. It remains to be seen how this will be applied on-air and in bugs (Raymie, AZ, *ibid.*)

** MICRONESIA. 4755.54, PMA-The Cross Radio. Strange happenings here August 6. At 1206 and subsequent checking through to 1333 heard strong open carrier after their usual sign off time with no audio at all; normally the transmitter automatically goes off after the DTMF tones, but not so today (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

August 7, again running well past their normal sign off, but today with good audio from 1334 through subsequent checking till 1417; mostly contemporary Christian songs; 1355 "It is one o'clock and this is the Cross Radio, 88.5 FM." Why are their IDs so far off from ToH? Almost fair. What will tomorrow bring? (Ron Howard, *ibid.*)

The Cross observed again on 4755, religious themes 1145 on 8/8. Was running OC only earlier in the week, though seems reduced signal now to what it was. Maybe just conditions (Craig Seager, Berry Creek NT (Perseus, EWE), Sent from my iPhone, ARDXC mailing list via DXLD)

4755.58, The Cross, Pohnpei, 8 Aug 1030 - slowly improving past 1115

local sunrise with Christian vocals, inspirational talk. Steady signal until 1140 end of recording. 73, (Brandon Jordan, Fayette County, TN USA, <http://www.swldx.us>

WinRadio: G313e | G33DDC 'Excalibur Pro'

RFSPACE: SDR-IQ | NetSDR [locked to Thunderbolt GPSDO]

Array Solutions: SAL-12 & SAL-30 Shared Apex Loops

DX Engineering: NCC-1 Phaser|2x ARAV3 Active Verticals

dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4755.56, Cross R., Aug 08 1345-1358, 33433, English, Music, ID at 1355 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121, ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4755.58, The Cross R., 1027 Christian Pop music. Finally a clear ID by M at 1035 with intro for "The Edge" program segment. Best heard yet since last season. Not as noisy as it has been. (9 August)

4755.57, The Cross R. "Love is the Answer" remake at 1030, 1032 usual ID intro for "The Edge" segment, said program, then back to Christian Pop music. ID outro for spiritual message segment at 1045 recheck. Even better than 9 August and best signal since last season. (12 August) The Cross Radio with station identification:
http://youtu.be/-yZY09_5Upg
73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

4755.54, PMA-The Cross Radio. Since August 6, through August 12, have found the station has either turned off the DTMF tones or the tones are simply not working any more; heard long after their normal sign off time (1159*); often noted as late as 1400.

[non log]. 4755.54, PMA-The Cross Radio, 1300, August 13. Not heard, so the DTMF tones must be working again to automatically turn off their transmitter. The extended schedule was very nice while it lasted! (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1734, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MYANMAR [and non]. 7200v, nothing heard there today Wed Aug 6th around the 11-12 UT slot, nothing heard at 1525 UT Aug 7th. Best Myanmar signals on remote SDR unit downunder Queensland noted as

5985.233 at 1135 UT Aug 6, S=9+10dB or -66dBm, LOCAL LITTLE CHIMES music from - probably - older empire station at Rangoon downtown transmittre centre. In between typical Burmese sing-sang female announcer noted.

5985.228 kHz at 1150 UT on Aug 7; and too 5985.236 at 1525 UT Aug 7.

5915, at 1140 UT, even frequency 'Nay Pyi Taw' site non-directional Myanmar Radio program, poor signal S=7-8 hit heavily by CRI Filipino next door on 5910 kHz.

6165, Covered totally by CNR 6th program Voice of Shenzhou Chinese, second Taiwan target service at 1150 UT too, \\ CNR6 9420 kHz. Weak tiny signal underneath likely Thazin BC from 'Phin Oo Lwi' site.

7345, Thazin BC from 'Phin Oo Lwi' site also underneath CNR1 #572 Beijing site Chinese service, at 1155 UT (Wolfgang B,sc hel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 6/7 via DXLD)

re 7200.1065 kHz, failed in past days Aug 5 to 7 - negative couldn't trace that tip of Ron Howard. But today Aug 8th at 1402 UT logged Myanmar R - from older Rangoon site probably -.

7200.1065 at S=8-9 or -73dBm signal strength on empty channel, accompanied by two spurious signals 14.8525 kHz apart, away on both sides like centered on 7185.254 and 7214.929 kHz. 73 (Wolfgang B,sc hel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 8, dxldyg via DXLD)

7200.09, Myanmar Radio. The sign on and sign off times for this particular short broadcast vary greatly. On some days is only on for a one hour schedule! August 8 at 1404, with 1436*; August 10 with *1345; August 11 not heard by 1408; August 12 seemed to sign on shortly before 1400.

9730, Myanmar Radio, Wednesday, August 13 from 1110 to 1120; English language lesson ("Lesson 6 - Making Recommendations"), provided by ABC/Radio Australia; slightly better than usual (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NETHERLANDS. RADIO VERONICA AND RADIO NORTHSEA INTERNATIONAL REMEMBERED --- Southgate August 9, 2014
http://www.southgatearc.org/news/2014/august/pd538rni_special_event.htm#.UnVvo10zDc

PD538RNI - Special Event amateur radio station:

On August 31st, it will be 40 years ago the Dutch offshore radio stations stopped their transmissions due to changes in legislation. Many fans still mourn the loss of their beloved stations in 1974.

Arie PD0ARI (amateur radio operator) from Giessenburg, The Netherlands will be operating the Special Event Station PD538RNI from August 28th until September 19th. He will be active on 10m, 20m and 40 meter. All operations will be in Phone.

538 in the callsign stands for the last frequency the offshore radio station Veronica used, and RNI stands for Radio Northsea International, the name of the other station that had to stop now 40 years ago.

Radio Northsea International with their psychedelically painted ship the MEB0 2 seized to exist all together after their offshore days ended. In 1975 Radio Veronica (that targeted more on music with Dutch origins) became a station in the Public Radio and TV system of the Netherlands, and went commercial as soon as it was possible (1995). Today the name Veronica is still affiliated with a commercial TV channel and Radio Veronica is also still operating.î

Arie explains his radio addiction: "My love for radio has started in the early 70's while listening to Radio Veronica and Radio Northsea International. Both stations transmitted from radio ships on the North Sea and had millions of listeners. Radio Veronica transmitted on medium wave. Radio Northsea International transmitted on medium wave, short wave and FM. Every day good programs, fantastic DJ's, nice jingles and radio tunes! The DJ's became sort of family; a part of your life!

Radio Northsea International on Shortwave triggered me to listen to SW (DX) radio stations and a new hobby was born.... and it was a training for good radio ears too!"

In 1974 the Dutch government passed its anti-pirate legislation and announced that the law was to come into effect on September 1st, 1974. Both stations closed down in the evening of August the 31st 1974.

Arie continues: "August the 31st 1974: The day the music died! After being a Shortwave Listener for a long time, I got my radio license and started as a HAM operator. Every day I'm active on the bands: no day without radio!

All in all: My love for radio started by listening to Radio Veronica and Radio Northsea International!" (via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

** NEWFOUNDLAND [and non]. LE NOTIZIE DELLA SETTIMANA: CANADA: ALLEN WILLIE LIVING IN NEWFOUNDLAND CANADA 08 AUGUST HAS AN INTERESTING REPORT ABOUT 930 kHz FREQUENCY:

Local AM station 930 CJYQ Radio Newfoundland in St. John's is off air currently for some reason. Info WEB

<http://www.facebook.com/thisisnewfoundlandlabrador>

They ID as iThis is Newfoundland Labradorî same program MW & FM. station real audio:

<http://www.thisisnewfoundlandlabrador.ca/mediaplayer/player.asp>

930 - CFBC St. John, New Brunswick with country favorites from Alan Jackson and Mary Chapin Carpenter is now audible here in Carbonear in its absence. <http://www.cfbc.am> (via PLAY-DX 1621 electronic ñ 10 AUGUST 2014 via DXLD)

** NEW ZEALAND. 17675, Aug 7 at 0231, DRM from RNZI is not on, tho AM audible on 15720 as well as Australia on 17795, 17840; I had been hearing DRM during the previous hour on previous days, but not clear if it had been staying on until published start at 0250 or breaking.

17670-17675-17680, Aug 11 at 0116, RNZI DRM noise again. Altho still bearing a 12 July start date, the online sked at <http://www.radionz.co.nz/international/listen> has now been modified to add this transmission, after our numerous reports of DRM at unscheduled time: ``2355-0200 17675 DRM Pacific Mon-Fri`` --- And then it resumes at 0250-0400 M-F for Vanuatu (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEW ZEALAND. BEST OF THE WEEK - Radio New Zealand July 25, 2014

Highlights from Radio New Zealand National's programmes for the week ending Friday 25 July. This week, from mining to tourism - the West Coast attracting visitors; will Sky TV maintain its dominance in Pay TV?; taking the story of a mentally ill speed chess champion and turning it into a movie "The Dark Horse"; Lance Armstrong and his lies; using the Flora Finder app for botanic answers; welcoming an adopted dog to your family; the box set release of Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young's 1974 stadium tour; pottery collector Jeff on what makes a collection unique; amateur sleuths doing DIY CSI and making hospital visits easier for non-English speaking patients. (86')
<http://www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/bestoftheweek/audio/20143094/best-of-the-week-25-july-2014>
(John Figliozzi, NY, Podding Along #12, Aug 12, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA. 9689.90, Voice of Nigeria, Abuja or Ikorodu, 2030-2100, Jul 23, folk song, there is signal on no modulation sometimes, I believe it is CNR from weak Chinese talk at times, R Free Asia in Chinese started at 2100, 33333. I think that transmitter site is Abuja (Tomoaki Wagai, Wakayama, Japan, DSWCI DX Window Aug 6 via DXLD)

It is not yet on the HFCC official schedule (Ed. Anker Petersen, ibid.) Or never (gh)

9689.9, Aug 3, 2005, V. of Nigeria, Ikorodu, Hausa, talks, fair/good. Buoni ascolti estivi! (Giampiero Bernardini, Italy, Drake R7 - Perseus, playdx yg via DXLD)

11700 [sic], Voice of Nigeria, Ikorodu, *2100-2200*, Aug 02 and 03, Swahili talks about Ebola outbreak, 25442 (Michael Ford, Newcastle, United Kingdom, DSWCI DX Window Aug 6 via DXLD)

Surely typo for 11770, but Ford's, the editor's, or VON's? (gh, DXLD)

** NORTH AMERICA. The station on or about 6770 kHz that plays mostly old time radio shows returned this week and was widely reported. As I write this on August 9 at 1800 UT, there is a faint AM carrier on 6770 that may be this station, as it was known earlier this season to broadcast for many hours at a time. Earlier this week I tried a couple of times to tune in at sunset but found 6770 covered with some kind of transmission resembling a white noise generator (Larry Will, MD, Free Radio Weekly via DXLD)

** NORTH AMERICA. Voyage of the Illuminati (relay), 6935-USB, Aug. 3, 0358-0432 sign-off. Tuned in to heard a strange science fiction broadcast of Dr. Peters and the Black Hole of the Cosmos Event, with travels into outer space, all from his radio room! Dr. Peters was involved with destroying the The Thing. In the end the DJ finds himself awaking in the chair of his room realizing it was a dream? At 0429 nice ID as "Voyage of the Illuminati" by Alan Maxwell ...see you again, the next time`. Which was repeated again and gave the old Elkhorn, Nebraska Mail drop, with sign-off at 0432.

I vaguely remember this broadcaster (via A*C*E*) but never had the chance to hear any of his broadcasts as good as this one. To the Free Station who took the time to relay this, Hats off, and thank you for this broadcast. Oh, great signal and the audio was up there too. Since a lot of us never had the chance to hear from this station, if by chance the station who relayed, has any more of these broadcasts, let's hear some more!!! If you wish, PSE QSL via radiobuff2000@yahoo.com Thank you (Edward Kusalik, ALBERTA, FRW via DXLD)

KIPM: 6935/USB, 0332...0356+, 3-Aug; Allen Maxwell with a tale about a polyhedron from outer space. SI0=353+ (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6925-AM, Aug 11 at 0104, talk at VP level in storm noise; off at 0119 recheck. Numerous logs here, all from further east in North America where specified, say it was Voice of the Abnormal, at *0020-0106*:

<http://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,18074.0.html>
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

PIRATE, 6925, V. of the Abnormal, 0038 "Spam" Monty Python skit

followed by "Spam" Weird Al parody of "Stand" by REM. Frank Zappa song. Nice clear ID by M, then another song. Strong (11 August) Big signal from The Voice of the Abnormal:

<http://youtu.be/9KA-c0G22ME>

73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** OKLAHOMA. KOSU, the split-personality Hyde-&-Jekyll outlet, once a proud public radio station, now tries so hard to be hip, with:

<http://crazysmartradio.org/>

I admit to being partial to the smart part.

Deal with The Spy a biyear ago led to Classical music being banned from the main signal as a result, but demoted to HD2 (I think). On <http://www.kosu.org> I can't find anything about their IBOC, but there is a link to Classical 24, <http://139.78.176.129:8080/classics.mp3> This is still branded as KOSU, automatically IDing at 1602 UT Aug 12 (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. Checking out the off-and-on audio of 'TV-OK', KXOK-LD, RF 31 and 32 in Enid, morning of August 6, I find it's coming thru on left channel only. No, it's not my patch cords from the DTV converter to the VCR to the monitor; checked those and reversed them, still left only. It had occurred to me that the lack of any audio for months might have been due to out-of-phase stereo channels somewhere along the line, like in the transmission if not my reception, but unseems the case; besides, when that happens with radio stations, you still hear some audio trying to break thru.

Which raises the question about DTV standards and stereo audio: are all channels automatically bi-channelled, whether they provide true stereo separation from the input outset, or not? There is no stereo 'pilot' to be seen. Or can they transmit in true single-channel mono if preferred (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. Area tropo August 8 from turn-on at 1430 UT finds lots of bad signals on UHF channels; mainly Tulsa stations, even when antenna aimed away from there.

RF 30, Aug 8 at 1430 UT, from NW I am getting OETA on its four channels, which has to be K30AE-D, Alva, and wonderfully, none of the channels are breaking up as they do constantly even under dead conditions from parent KETA-13 OKC. K30AE-D is 15 kW, and there are five others in the Alva-Cherokee/Cherokee-Alva ``market``, on 15, 17, 20, 22, 28, all of which are only 500 watts, one-thirtieth the power of OETA. 15 is blocked by OKC, 22 by Tulsa, but I do have bad signals on 17 and 20, which could also be from bigger sigs elsewhere.

Aiming west, I have a couple of bad signals on 43 and 49 which could

be two of the six Seiling OK translators, also 500-watt range. No point in speculating further.

RF 45, KOTV ``6`` x 3, Tulsa holds up almost until ``noon``, 17 UT, which is really 10:30 am by sun time (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OMAN. 15140, August 8 at 0113, JBA carrier, presumably RSO again, since it's missing from scheduled channel 9500 during this bihour, and not on alternate 15355 either (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9500, Aug 9 at 0056, RSO on proper frequency for a change, Qur'an with reverb, fair (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAKISTAN. re 14-32:

>>> <http://www.radio.gov.pk/newsdetail/66055/3> [...]

A transmitter is shown in the original article, possibly this one --- does anyone recognize the make and/or model? <<<

Not concretely, but: "Plate voltage", "plate current", "filament hours" --- this is some tube transmitter. And the sticker "transmitter #2" makes one wonder if it is in Pakistan at all.

But if you want to catch a glimpse of the 1134, 1170, 1332 kHz transmitters there:

<http://www.waniewski.de/MW/Quetta/id351.htm>

<http://www.waniewski.de/MW/Peshawar/id391.htm>

<http://www.waniewski.de/MW/Lahore/id370.htm>

(Kai Ludwig, Germany, dxldyg via DXLD)

GatesAir Flexivia 3DX 100 kW

<http://www.gatesair.com/products/transmit-radio/am-transmitters/flexiva-3dx.aspx>

Per product details at Gates Air website:

Complete IP-based control and monitoring of Flexiva 3DX transmitters in any location is possible by using the WEB Remote system tied to the station's LAN or directly to the Internet. And because all Flexiva 3DX transmitters are digitally modulated, transitioning to DRM or HD Radio is effortless. Simply add the appropriate exciter, and Flexiva 3DX is on the air in digital broadcast mode.

GatesAir Press Release

<http://www.gatesair.com/media-center/news/GatesAir-Transmitters-Power-National-Over-The-Air.aspx>

DI Khan Radio has new 100-KW transmitter

The new digital transmitter will expand the network of state broadcaster and boost reach and quality of its transmissions.

<http://www.radio.gov.pk/newsdetail/66057/3>

DG Radio Pakistan inaugurates new transmitter in DI Khan
Samina Parvez says special focus is being laid on improving the
network of Radio Pakistan throughout the country.

[http://www.radio.gov.pk/newsdetail/66055/3#lightbox\[large\]/0/](http://www.radio.gov.pk/newsdetail/66055/3#lightbox[large]/0/)

Photos of inauguration available at PBC DG Samina Parvez Khalid's
facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/DGRadioPakistan>
73, (Alokesh Gupta, India, ibid.)

It's a Harris (now GatesAir) DX-100, and is referred to in their
product literature and advertisements as a "digital" transmitter
because it uses a stepwise modulation scheme developed by the late
Hilmer Swanson and so described in the patent. It is, in fact, DRM
capable, too, with very minor modifications.

[Later:] NO!! Now that I blow up the photo and look more carefully,
it's not a Harris, but appears to be a Continental Electronics box of
a model I don't immediately recognize. If you look at the lower LH
corner of the meters, they appear to have a Continental logo. I will
do some sleuthing and see what I can find, as we were asked for input
on this project early on, but did not end up doing any work for it. It
will have a "digital" modulator, based on a design that originally
came from HCJB. I should have read the meter logos, as they call out
plate voltage and current! So vacuum tubes, not silicon slabs! (Ben
Dawson, WA, Hatfield-Dawson, Aug 10, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

So it may be a stock photo of some transmitter, not really the subject
of the article? (gh, DXLD)

I thought it was a Harris/GatesAir because I'm pretty sure they were
the contractor/supplier. I will look at my manuals tomorrow and see if
I can find a photo of the metering subpanel. I have worked on enough
DX-50s, DX-100s, 3DX-50s, DXD-100s, etc that I ought to be able to
recognize them.

In addition to the meters labeled "plate voltage" and "plate current"
it's got filament and plate power controls, so it's very probably
something from the generic photo file and not what was installed for
this project (Ben Dawson, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn, My sources at "GatesAir" confirm that the transmitters in
Pakistan are Harris models: 100 kW (presumably 3DX100, or perhaps
3DX100D which means a diplexed pair of 50s) in DiKhan, 400 kW
(presumably DX-400) in Peshawar (Benj. F. Dawson III, P.E.,
Hatfield & Dawson Consulting Engineers, LLC

9500 Greenwood Avenue North
Seattle, WA 98103 USA, Aug 13, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PALESTINE. INTERNEWS TO RUN UK-FUNDED EMERGENCY BROADCASTS IN GAZA
| Text of report by website of US-based media advocacy organization
Internews on 7 August

Internews will be providing support to local radio stations and SMS/mobile channels that are providing life-saving humanitarian and health information to up to 95 per cent of the Gazan population, a highly effective approach most recently used in the Philippines as part of the DFID [UK Department for International Development]-funded response to Typhoon Haiyan.

The UK's International Development Secretary Justine Greening said of the total 3m pounds RRF [Rapid Response Facility] funds to be released this week "this extra support will enable trusted partners who are already working with communities on the ground in Gaza to be able to meet emergency medical needs, provide clean water for people and reduce the risk of disease".

Widespread insecurity and destruction of critical infrastructure including power supply have shut down 23 out of 25 radio stations in Gaza. Violence is heavily restricting access to vital services including the provision of life-saving information during humanitarian ceasefires and aid distributions. The technical and human resources of local media have been heavily impacted, making it extremely challenging for people to access the information they need to help them find safety and aid, especially as populations displace to the coast.

Internews Europe's chief executive Daniel Bruce said "at the heart of this emergency programme will be a daily, hour-long humanitarian information programme to be broadcast across our network of media partners covering the Gaza strip. Through careful and close coordination with the UN and all other major humanitarian agencies, we will ensure that the most vulnerable people in Gaza receive life-saving information on access to food, water, shelter and medical supplies. Our work will also allow the population to provide feedback to aid agencies on their ongoing needs and the effectiveness of the response."

Internews is immediately able to reach approximately 95 per cent of the population in all five governorates in the Gaza strip through nine media partners located both in Gaza and in the West Bank (with signals reaching Gaza).

The project is being funded through the Department for International

Development's Rapid Response Facility of which Internews Europe is a member. The RRF is a network of pre-approved specialist aid organizations and private businesses who can rapidly deliver emergency medical, water and sanitation assistance to affected people. This project is funded by the UK's Department for International Development. Source: Internews website, in English 7 Aug 14 (via BBCM via DXLD) WTFK?

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. Port Moresby transmitter well heard on 585 from around 0830 on 8/8, as it has been most (local) evenings during the past week at Berry Creek. Unfortunately, no other PNG outlets audible (subject to reviewing recordings). Checked 675, 810, 864, 900 and 1107, but all covered by other stations. One or more may be inactive, Darwin area not well positioned enough to be conclusive about PNG MW activity or otherwise - though Irian Jaya is very dominant. 73 (Craig Seager, Berry Creek NT (Perseus, EWE), Aug 9, Sent from my iPhone, ARDXC mailing list via DXLD)

Hi Craig - Thanks for all your reports. I notice you have the Perseus up there - fantastic. I will be up in Darwin in a few weeks with my WinRadio Excalibur and will be doing some spectrum recordings. It will good prep for some DX travel through Indonesia soon. My main interest is China, Indonesia and of course North Korean media, so the reports of Irian Jaya MW in Darwin is interesting.

PS Anyone with a Perseus, please feel free to log-in and drive my receiver. It connected to a Wellbrook Loop 24x7 365 days in remote server mode. You will find it at Freemans Reach on the Perseus Remote Map. Cheers, Mark (Fahey). Sent from my iPad, ibid.)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA [non log]. 7324.96, Wantok Radio Light. Have found no trace of WRL since before August 4; often check from 1400 to 1430, with total silence; would expect a hint of a carrier if they were broadcasting (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, Aug 13, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1734, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 4747.627, R. Huanta Dos Mil. Series of canned announcements at 1005 but wasn't there at 1001, so must have signed on between those times. 1011:55 ID by M during presumed usual news program. LAs doing a little better this morning. (12 August) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** PERU. 4774.91, Radio Tarma, Tarma, Peru, 8 Aug *0947 - instrumental music, "Buenos dias" and full ID at just past the of of the hour, program announcement, Andean music. Excellent signal, totally overpowering CODAR until 1025 when the signal began slowly fading. 73, (Brandon Jordan, Fayette County, TN USA, <http://www.swldx.us> WinRadio: G313e | G33DDC 'Excalibur Pro')

RFSPACE: SDR-IQ | NetSDR [locked to Thunderbolt GPSDO]
Array Solutions: SAL-12 & SAL-30 Shared Apex Loops
DX Engineering: NCC-1 Phaser|2x ARAV3 Active Verticals
dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Se escucha Radio Tarma de Perú en los 4775 pero mucha menor señal [que R. Yura, BOLIVIA} y bastante ruido que termina transmisiones a las 0200 UT Ago 10, SINPO: 45343. All the logs were made using a Degen DE1103 radio in Vicuña, Chile. Regards, (Marcos Cox, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 4810, Aug 13 at 0149, trace of audio vs CODAR, and LSB tuning essential vs the uteblob on hi side. Usually I can only detect a carrier here. Presumed R. Logos, OAW9A, Chazuta, 1 kW (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. Aug 13: 4940, Radio San Antonio, Radio Peruana, um Interessante DX, ativa nas ondas tropicais, SINPO médio, 35333 e 35222. Antena long wire 7 meters
<http://youtu.be/GQZi-fzaiMU>
Forte 73s (Daniel Wylllys, Nova Xavantina MT, Brasil, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. Aug 13: 4985, Raro DX: Radio Voz Cristiana
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g100jR7nTsA&feature=youtu.be>
Forte 73s (Daniel Wylllys, Nova Xavantina MT, Brasil, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 5980.02, 2240-2305 07.08, R Chaski, Urubamba (presumed), Spanish talk, fading in and out 15211. Best 73, (Anker Petersen, Denmark, in Skovlunde on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

5980, August 8 at 0048, R. Chaski with JBA carrier, heavy splash from 5990 China via Cuba. That's off before 0100, and I can still catch the Chaski cutoff at 0107:25* which is 18 seconds later than a trinite ago (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

After two weeks, I can hear Radio Chaski from Perú again on 5980 at 2230, Most with music and Spanish talks, weak. RX=EKD 515 + vertical 73, (Maurits Van Driessche, Belgium, Aug 8, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

5980, Aug 9 at 0057, JBA carrier from R. Chaski, until cutoff at 0107:31* which is six seconds later than yesterday.

5980, Aug 10 at 0052, JBA carrier from R. Chaski, until cutoff at 0107:36.5* which is 5.5 seconds later than yesterday.

5980, Aug 11 at 0107-0107:42.5*, R. Chaski carrier and some mod until cutoff, 6 seconds later than yesterday.

5980, Aug 12 at 0051, JBA carrier from R. Chaski, until cutoff at 0107:47.5* which is 5 seconds later than yesterday. No check on UT Aug 13 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PHILIPPINES. DZRH Diamond Jubilee: see RADIO STAMPS below
https://www.phlpost.gov.ph/images/stamps/phlpost_stamp_2014717_2f23a2211a.jpg
(also via C. Ghibaudo via Dario Monferini, DXLD)

** PHILIPPINES. 30920, 2nd harmonic, 2 x 15460, 0006, R Veritas Asia Philippines, 5x4 (harmonics from David Vitek, RSA???, March 23, 2014, via Tim Bucknall, Congleton, UK, Aug 13, 2014, harmonics yg via DXLD)

** PORTUGAL. 720 kHz, R·dio Difus·o Portuguesa (RDP) Antena 1 (1500 km). Fair reception early in the morning from 0400 to 0430 UT, but often hampered by rapid QSB and echoes that make signal uncopiable. There are 5 active RDP 1 transmitters on 720 kHz, impossible to tell which one it is. The only station from Portugal received here. 73 (Giovanni Carboni, IZ5PQT, MW Log from. S. Antioco Island (39 N, 8 27' E) [southwest corner of Sardinia], SONY ICF-SW7600GR portable with own antenna, Cumbre DX yg via DXLD)

** ROMANIA. Nuevo Concurso --- Estimados amigos, RRI acaba de lanzar un nuevo concurso con premios. Os adjunto el material. Un cordial saludo y muchas gracias por vuestro apoyo. Victoria Sepciu

Queridos amigos, les invitamos a participar en un nuevo concurso dotado con premios, la segunda edici·n del iFestival Internacional de las Orquestas de Radio, RadiRO·. El concurso est· dedicado a un acontecimiento musical ·nico en Europa, que trae a Bucarest, al escenario de la Sala de conciertos de la Radiodifusi·n Rumana y en directo en las emisoras p·blicas de radio, a cinco orquestas famosas, as· como a solistas y directores de orquesta de fama mundial.

Entre el 20 y el 27 de septiembre, Bucarest albergar· la segunda edici·n del iFestival Internacional de las Orquestas de Radio·n RadiRO. El acontecimiento est· organizado por Radio Ruman·a, una emidora amiga y patrocinadora de la m·sica cl·sica a·n desde 1928 cuando difund·a su primer programa radiof·nico.

En 2014, en la segunda edici·n dar·n conciertos en Bucarest la Orquesta Sinf·nica de la Radio de Finlandia, la Orquesta Sinf·nica de la Radio de Praga, la Orquesta Sinf·nica de la Radio de Stuttgart, la Orquesta Nacional de Francia y la Orquesta Nacional de la Radiodifusi·n Rumana, bajo la batuta de directores famosos, como son

Joshua Weilerstein, Ondrej Lenárd, StÉphane Deneve, Case Scaglione, Vassily Sinaisky, Tiberiu Soare y Cristian Mandeal.

Solistas virtuosos van a protagonizar las noches de iRadiR0i, entre ellos, el pianista Jonathan Biss, la soprano Katarina Jovanovic, el pianista Jan Simon, los violinistas Nikolaj Znaider y Vadim Gluzman, junto con grandes artistas rumanos: la mezzosoprano Ruxandra Donose, el pianista Horia Mihail o el violinista Alexandru Tomescu. El director honorífico de esta edición, es el director de orquesta rumano, Cristian Mandeal, proporciona prestigio y valor europeo al Festival iRadiR0i.

Les invitamos a escuchar los programas de RRI y a visitar nuestra página web www.rr.ro y nuestros perfiles en Facebook, Twitter y Google+, para responder correctamente, por escrito, a algunas preguntas, y podrán figurar entre los ganadores de nuestro concurso que durará hasta el 26 de septiembre de 2014, fecha del matasellos.

Los premios y las menciones del concurso, en objetos, serán sobre todo CDs con música sinfónica rumana y extranjera, pero ofreceremos también premios en otros objetos de promoción cultural y turística. El concurso está organizado junto con la Editorial iCasa Radioi y el Ayuntamiento del Municipio de Bucarest.

Y ahora, las preguntas:

¿En qué año se organizó la primera edición del Festival Internacional de las Orquestas de Radio?

¿Quién es el director de honor de la segunda edición del Festival?

¿Cuántas orquestas de la radio participan en la edición 2014 del Festival RadiR0?

Enumeren tres artistas rumanos de fama internacional (solistas o directores de orquesta) que figuran en la cartelera de RadiR0 este año.

Les rogamos que nos escriban qué les ha determinado a participar en nuestro concurso y, sobre todo, por qué escuchan los programas de RRI o por qué siguen nuestros programas on line.

Nuestras señas han quedado sin cambiar: Radio Rumanía Internacional, calle G-ral Berthelot nr. 60 ñ 64, sector 1, Bucarest, Casilla Postal 111, código 010165, número de fax: 00.40.21.319.05.62, correo electrónico ro@rr.ro.

Esperamos sus respuestas hasta el 26 de septiembre, fecha del

matasellos. Los ganadores de los premios y de las menciones serán anunciados poco tiempo después de terminar el concurso. ¡Mucha suerte! (Victoria Sepciu, August 5, RRI mailing list via José Bueno, Spain, Aug 11, noticiasdx yg via DXLD)

** ROMANIA [and non]. 7325-7330-7335, Aug 7 at 0519, DRM noise, i.e. as scheduled, RRI French via Galbeni (followed by English at 0530 also in DRM but switching to Tiganeshti site, why? Both are for Europe but carrying on to NAM). Not to be confused with R. Andernach, Germany, already IDed on 7320-7325-7330 a trihour earlier (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. 738, R. Radonezh, Aug 06 1156-1200*, 44444, Russian, Chorus music, ID at 1159, Closing announce, 1200 sign off.

810, R. Rossii, Aug 06 1321-1334, 33443, Russian, Music, SJ at 1330 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121, ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. Adygea ----- Received an email from QSL-TV "Adygea." Response came next day, after receiving station.

"Hello, Anatoly Sergeyevich! FSUE VGTRK STRC "Adygea" confirms that the 04.08.2014, the 21:00-21:58 held broadcasting (in this case, the international service in Adyg, Arabic, Russian, Turkish languages) shortwave transmitters on the number of foreign-language countries, in particular Turkey. Place broadcasting station. Tbilisi, Krasnodar region. The letter attach station logo. Sincerely, GTRK_Adygeya
mailto: gtrkadygeya@yandex.ru ^a

Unfortunately, did not specify the broadcast frequency 7325 kHz. Also sent them a report on the admission letter by mail may indicate here the frequency of administration (Editor Anatoly Klepov, QSL World, RusDX Aug 10 via DXLD)

** RUSSIA [and non]. From Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty:

MOSCOW FREAKS OUT ABOUT FEDERALIZATION RALLY...IN SIBERIA
Glenn Kates August 05, 2014

Here's an Internet search test that will both show Moscow's increasing control over the Russian Internet and how its favored policy for its neighbor does not necessarily reflect its stance at home.

Type the Russian words ?????????????? ??????? (federalization of Ukraine) into Google and you will see over a million results --

many coming from Russian state news agencies and most dating from earlier this year, when Moscow responded to a change in government in Kyiv by annexing the Ukrainian peninsula of Crimea and backing a pro-Russian separatist movement in eastern Ukraine.

Now go to the Russian version of Google News (news.google.ru) and do an August 1 search for ?????????????? ?????? (federalization of Siberia). Click on any of those links and you're likely to get a 404 error.

For months, Moscow has applauded a separatist movement in eastern Ukraine as a justified quest for "federalization." But when word spread of a planned August 17 "March for the Federalization of Siberia" in Novosibirsk, Russia's third largest city, the country's Internet monitoring agency took a less approving stance.

The agency, Roskomnadzor, demanded that the page promoting the march be shut down (it is still visible outside of Russia), but it did not stop there.

It ordered Slon, one of a small number of independent news sites in the country, to take down an interview with the march's organizer, claiming that the website was participating in the "dissemination of information about preparation for unauthorized mass events under the banner of infringing on the territorial integrity of the country."

It ordered the same of the BBC Russian website, which also had an interview with the organizer, a Novosibirsk-based artist named Artyom Loskutov.

The British-funded international broadcaster has agreed to edit the text in the article associated with the interview but has said it will not take the recorded segment down.

According to "Izvestia," a Kremlin-connected newspaper, Roskomnadzor has threatened to block the website completely if it does not comply fully with its order.

At least 17 other websites, including popular news aggregators like Newsru.com and RIA Novosti, a state-run news site, apparently also originally covered the story but have now taken their reporting down.

Since the beginning of the year, the Kremlin has been moving swiftly to gain greater control over the Internet. In April, the State Duma passed legislation that would require non-Russian tech

companies to store all domestic data within Russia and several opposition websites have been blocked. On August 1, a law requiring bloggers to register with Roskomnadzor if their blogs have over 3,000 daily visitors went into effect.

<EOT>

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<http://www.rferl.org/content/russia-separatism-rally-siberia/26515418.html>

See also:

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-28659407>

(via VOA Radiogram Aug 9 via roger, dxldyg via DXLD)

** SAN MARINO. See PUBLICATIONS

** SAO TOME E PRINCIPE. 1530 kHz, VOA, S„o TomÈ e PrÌncipe (4300 km). Every evening excellent reception with strong signal, from about 2000 to 2200 UT s/off. No QRM, little QSB. Programs in French and English with African music. 73 (Giovanni Carboni, IZ5PQT, MW Log from. S. Antioco Island (39 N, 8 27' E) [southwest corner of Sardinia], SONY ICF-SW7600GR portable with own antenna, Cumbre DX yg via DXLD)

** SARAWAK [non]. CLANDESTINE: 15425, R. Free Sarawak via Taiwan [sic], Aug 06 1215-1230*, 33443-35443, Iban, Talk and telephone-talk-back, ID at 1222 and 1227 and 1228, 1230 sign off (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121, ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, WORLD OF RADIO 1734, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15425, Radio Free Sarawak with anomaly on August 12. Was RFS being clever in broadcasting till suddenly off at 1302? Perhaps they realize that any broadcasting done after 1230 is virtually certain to be free of any jamming? The jamming normally ends about 1227 or so. At 1257 played their theme music and gave series of IDs; not as strong as normally heard. August 13, RFS back to normal with 1230* and fair reception. A check at 1149 found strong jamming, but by 1225 there was none (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1734, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SAUDI ARABIA [and non]. 1521, Aug 7 at 0333, het upon KOKC OKC, no doubt the 2-megawatt BSKSA heralding start of season?? Tnx to Brandon Jordan tip from Memphis, who was getting this and many other TA carriers above 1000 kHz during the previous hour, including 1215 UK, which I also detected in a quick check (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SAUDI ARABIA. Re: BSKSA Holy Quran Sce on new frequency on Aug. 4: 0900-1200 NF 21600 RIY 500 kW / 310 deg to N/ME Arabic, ex 11935

// frequency 17570 RIY 500 kW / 070 deg to SEAs Arabic
// frequency 17615 RIY 500 kW / 100 deg to SEAs Arabic
73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

Re 21600 irregular - Maybe "MONTHLY once" maintenance test broadcast originate of reserve unit at mothballed Continental / TCI units at Jeddah transmission center?

On Aug 7th at 1040 UT noted only Riyadh on 15489.971 17569.997 17614.977 17805.034, and 21670 even outlet. Best audio signal on Indonesian sce 21670 kHz logged here in Europe.

9714.925 HQ 2/0.3 antenna used for non-directional service to ME/NE, scheduled 0300-0957 UT mornings, noted on low modulation HQ prayer sce at 0540 UT Aug 11. HFCC list and entry shows 9675 kHz still instead. ITU #930 antenna type explained as

4-leg quadrant antenna. The simplest form of quadrant antenna is represented by an arrangement of two horizontal end-fed half-wave dipoles placed at right angles. Another form of quadrant antenna consists of four dipole elements in the form of a square and fed at opposite corners. Quadrant antennas may also be stacked to achieve more directive vertical radiation pattern and consequently higher directivity gain. 73 wb (Wolfgang B,schel, dxldyg via DXLD)

Wide phone interview in Arabic on Iraqi-Syrian-Kurdistan Moslem world war clashes in Mossul-Erbil Kurdistan heard on BSKSA Riyadh's 1st Arabic program on both 17739.957 S=9+20dB into Germany, and \\ 17730.035 kHz in 6-7 UT slot Aug 9.

Latter suffered also by a BUZZY 50 Hertz like garden fence signal, seen in ± 750 Hertz wide range both sides (Wolfgang B,schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 9, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Test broadcast of Radio Riyadh in Arabic was noted on Aug. 12 from 1056 on 21600, Holy Qur'an program via Riyadh or Jeddah, s/off at 1059. Video:
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/08/test-broadcast-of-radio-riyadh.html>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #866 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, August 12, 2014 via DXLD)

** SOLOMON ISLANDS. 5020, SIBC, Aug 06 1109-1121, 45433, Pidgin, Music, ID at 1109, URL announce at 1119 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121, ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH AMERICA. Excalibur SDR sign-on gleanings from Friday morning, 8 August 14 recording. ^ denotes transmitter on, * notes start of

modulation.

3310.00 ^0841 *0901 R Mosoj Chaski, Bolivia
4699.55 ^0855 *0901 Radio San Miguel, Bolivia - suddenly off air at
0919 in mid-sentence
3375.05 *0903 (P) Radio Municipal, Bazil
4747.64 *1012 Radio Yura, Yura
4765.01 *1015 UnID - likely one of the Brazilians listed here?
4774.91 *0957 R Tarma, Peru
4785.02 *0940 R Caiari, Brazil
4805.02 *0939 R Difusora do Amazonas, Brazil
4810.00 *0859 R Logos, Peru
4814.99 ^0851 *???? R Difusora, Brazil - too weak for audio at sign-on
4864.99 ^1022 *???? R Verdes Florestas, Brazil - too weak for audio at
sign-on
4915.04 *0914 R Daqui, Brazil
4925.24 *1005 R Educa  o Rural, Brazil
4955.01 *1024 R Cultural Amauta, Peru
5035.05 ^0951 *???? R Educa  o Rural, Brazil - dominated by R
Aparecida
5952.42 *0959 R Pio XII, Bolivia

73, (Brandon Jordan, Fayette County, TN USA, <http://www.swldx.us>
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dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH CAROLINA [non]. Glenn: -- Trolling via remote receiver in
Georgia; heard WCKY/1530 on August 10 at 0711+, all alone with usual
large signal -- and entertaining double audio, one of which was
Brother Square, the other an unknown male speaker on a similar
subject. 0715, BS took a phone call from Arkansas listener referring
to KAAV/1090 as a BS outlet. Perhaps this is all one great big huxter
conspiracy to see if DXers are noticing...apparently, no one else is.
73z -- GREG HARDISON, CA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH CAROLINA [and non]. TOM affiliates are having trouble:

7365, Aug 9 at 0607, WHRI playing gospel music not // others; despite
online sked still showing TOM daily at 06-08 from Angel 2.

5085, Aug 9 at 0609, WTWW-2 is open carrier/dead air; 5830 SFAW OK.
Wake up at 0956 so check 5085: now it's back with mod. Also at 1345,
and at 1405 on 9930 instead.

5890, Aug 9 at 0611, WWCR-4 does have BS at a service with big hum and
mutterers; playing backup recording?

7570, Aug 9 at 0611, WRMI-11, BS alone speaking in studio, different than 5890; also on other WRMIs: 9955, 11825.

BTW, WRMI has an updated frequency grid as of August 12 showing 5015 and 5950 are no longer 24-hour BS, but 7570, 11730 and 15770 will be, along with 11825:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1nEVwCMB9RSKowLzLXamyayVpCzjmPAw_SB1r3Y0dzQc/edit#gid=0

3185, Aug 9 at 0612, WWRB also with open carrier/dead air. It appears the main TOM feed to stations (internet or satellite?) is down and they are coping with the situation (or not) (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11730, WRMI, Radio Miami International (presumed); 2203, 10-Aug; B.S. singing! Into huxterage; related Ezekiel 9:11 to 9/11 attacks. SIO=3+53; // 11825 also via WRMI, SIO=444-

15770, WRMI, Radio Miami Int'l (presumed); 1644, 10-Aug; B.S. said: "There's almost no place to go nowadays to find good news" (certainly not to the Overcomer). "We are so corrupt, it is unbelievable." "God is letting the wicked flourish." Ran a series of supportive phone messages; one finished with "marinara" instead of "maranatha". (I don't make this stuff up --- to quote Gen'l Patton, "I do love it so".) SIO=454- (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SPAIN. Radio Exterior de España noted Arabic, instead of Spanish: 1700-1900 17755 NOB 250 kW / 161 deg to WCAf. Three videos from Aug. 8 <http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/08/radio-exterior-de-espana-on-17755-in.html>

(DX RE MIX NEWS #866 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, August 12, 2014 via DXLD)

15385, Aug 9 at 0106, very surprised to find REE with a very good signal on this unlisted frequency, altho they do use it earlier in the day; forgot to change it after 2300 to 9620, which is missing? But this is much better than 9620 ever is, listed 230 degrees. 15385 could easily be on an abandoned North American azimuth, test? (6055 in French and English at 2300-0055 is no further north than 290 degrees.) 15385 is synchronized with 9535, otherwise the best signal for us, and with 15160, which at 242 degrees is ordinarily audible fairly, but colliding with Australia during this hour.

Program is an historical narrative about Spain in the 19th century, with classical music background, occasional clips by some author with

a heavy gringo accent; one book mentioned is ``El Labarinto Espa ol``. I'm tempted to drop DXing and listen to this for content, but compromise by putting it on the backup PL-880 receiver and taking the phone from the DX398 off one ear. 15385 keeps going past 0130, and will be surprised if it recur 24 hours later (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 9620, Aug 10 at 0045, REE is VG, back on proper frequency, gone as expected from 15385 where it was by mistake 24 hours ago, opening that for a very weak signal in Chinese, i.e. CNR1 jamming or VOA Philippines during this hour only (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1734, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11795, UT Tue Aug 12 at *0112:12, carrier on from REE, adding IS a few seconds later. 0115 opening Emisi n Sefarad, VG signal and no apology for dead air last week. The YLs producing the program probably haven't a clue what happens to it beyond the studio (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SRI LANKA. 11905, Aug 9 after 0114, SLBC carrier is on, poor with flutter, 0114:46 music starts (like joined in progress), mistimesignal ends at 0115:17.5 --- they're slipping, and sign on in Aoki-listed Bengali, since this is Saturday.

11905, Aug 11 at 0114, SLBC fair with music, 2+1 timesignal to 0115:18.5, sign-on.

11905, Aug 12 at 0114:46, SLBC starts musical pr lude like clockwork, and mistimesignal ends at 0118:18.5, ditto; poor signal (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN [non]. UNMISS, R. MIRAYA FM program to Africa also from Grigoriopol site was on air on 11560 kHz at same time (Wolfgang B schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST) As Denge Kurdistane, 0523 Aug 11 (gh)

** SWAZILAND [non]. U.K.(non), Additional broadcast of Trans World Radio Africa via BABCOCK
0500-0515 15720 DHA 250 kW / 225 deg to EaAf Oromo Sat, from August 2 (DX RE MIX NEWS #866 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, August 12, 2014 via DXLD)

** SWEDEN. George Wood retires --- posted on Facebook this morning:

8 August 2014

"Final day at Radio Sweden before my retirement. Got most of the stuff in my office packed."

Messages can be posted there <https://www.facebook.com/radiowood>

I'm sure many of us remember George on Radio Sweden. I certainly do.
This per Wiki:

George Wood began as a freelance reporter at Radio Sweden in 1975. Following the retirement of Arne Skoog in 1978 he took over the writing and presenting of the program Sweden Calling DXers and its successor MediaScan, until the latter was taken off the air in 2001. In 1994 MediaScan became the first radio program in Sweden and the second in Europe (the first in English) to have its audio posted on the Internet. More at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Wood_\(Radio_Sweden\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Wood_(Radio_Sweden))

He has been Radio Sweden's Webmaster since Swedish Radio's first website launched in 1995, while also serving as a journalist for the Radio Swedish English Service. His was one of the voices in the satirical sketches in the program the Saturday Show.
(Mike Terry, August 8, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1734, DXLD)

Sweden Calling DXers, from 1980 [off-air recording, 15+ minutes]
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wCaXi0EU9Qw>
(via Mike Barraclough, ibid.)

My rejoinder - So far use of computers by the SWLers/DXers goes, George Wood always encouraged that aspect. There were several editions/updates of "Dxers guide to computing" and use of 'basicode'. As a third world enthusiast I could drool only. A PC became affordable to middleclass only in 90s. 73 - (Sudipta Ghose VU3TKG, ibid.)

Keith Perron writes on Facebook: This week on Media Network Plus my guest is George Wood who recently retired from Radio Sweden (Mike Terry, Aug 13, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1734, DXLD)

** SWEDEN. R Nord Revival commemoration 100 years of Vaxholm Radio: On Aug 23, 2014, R Nord Revival will commemorate 100 years of Vaxholm R near Stockholm at 0800-1500 UT. The event will be opened by the Minister of Defence Karin Enstroem, followed by Erik Himmelstrand, Chief of the Vaxholm Fortress Museum. R Nord Revival will broadcast on 1512 MW, 6065, and perhaps on 3975 (Christian Ghibaudo, Nice, France, DSWCI DX Window Aug 6 via DXLD)

Radio Nord is coming back again! Radio Nord Revival is coming back live once again! We will be broadcasting from The Castle off Vaxholm, Sweden on Saturday, August 23. This is in connection with the big Radio Day, arranged by T%by S%ndareamat^rer.

We will be broadcasting on MW 1512 kHz from Kvarnberget, Vallentuna,

using 1 kW of power. In addition, the programmes will be relayed from Sala over a 10 kW SW transmitter using A3H modulation plus a 5 kW rig which will operate in the 75 m.b. There are also plans for a low powered SW transmitter broadcasting from the actual Castle.

This location is historically interesting as it was from here that the very first broadcast in Sweden was made on September 1, 1919, using the facilities of coastal radio station Vaxholm Radio. A number of journalists had been invited to listen to speech and music from Vaxholm at the premises of Telegrafverket (the Telegraphy Board), Brunkebergstorg in Stockholm. This day, August 23, marks the 100th anniversary of Vaxholm Radio.

As usual, a number of Radio Nord veterans will be participating in the event. If you happen to be in the Stockholm area, you are welcome to join us. You can go to Vaxholm by boat or bus from Stockholm and there are boats for The Castle from pier 9 (kajplats 9) in Vaxholm, for details check out the time table.

Our SW frequencies have not yet been cleared but we will be back with further details as soon as we have received the license. Welcome to join us for another dose of pure radio nostalgia. If you are on Facebook you are welcome to join our group Radio Nord Revival. Further information will be continuously published on <http://www.radionordrevival.blogspot.com>
(Ronny Rorslund, RNord, ARC mv-eko 11 augusti 2014 via WORLD OF RADIO 1734, DXLD)

from <http://radionordrevival.blogspot.se/> 16 August:

Frequencies now cleared for Radio Nord Revival 2014
Our frequency application to the PTS has now been approved and we will be using the following frequencies:

MW 1512 kHz from Kvarnberget, Vallentuna. Licensed power is 2,5 kW but we may only be using 1 kW. Antenna height is 37 metres.

SW 3915 kHz from Ringvalla, Sala. Licensed power is 5 kW and the antenna height is 12 metres.

SW 5810, 6065 and 9295 kHz from Ringvalla, Sala. One of the frequencies will be used at a time. Licensed power is 10 kW and the antenna height is 12 metres.

SW 5770 and 6220 kHz from The Castle, Vaxholm. Licensed power is 0.5 kW and the antenna height is 12 metres. At the moment it is not clear what transmitter that will be used. This is a one-off chance to catch a broadcasting signal from The Castle - the place where the first

broadcast ever in Sweden was made on September 1, 1919.

Test transmissions will be made prior to the live broadcasts from The Castle and further information about these transmissions will be made here as soon as we switch on. Please comment in our blog how you are receiving us. As usual, written reception reports can be sent to

Ronny Forslund
Radio Nord Revival
Vita Huset
17995 Svartsjö
Sweden

Return postage in the form of \$ or IRC's is much appreciated.

We wish you a good reception. Anybody is welcome to join us at The Castle on Saturday, August 23. If you are in the Stockholm area, you can get to Vaxholm by boat or bus and then there is a boat from Pier 9 in Vaxholm. For travel information please check out <http://www.sl.se> <http://www.strommakanalbolaget.se> and <http://www.waxholmsbolaget.se>

Radio Nord Revival is a part of the big field day which is arranged by T%by S&ndaramat^rer <http://w.sk0mt.net/field-day-vaxholm>
(via Alan Pennington, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

** TAIWAN. 30 July: 9745, Kuanghua, 2156 old Chinese song (50s?), talk by YL in clear Chinese, then advert, then western song, ID (Zacharias Liangas, Using HF150, 20 m of wire in the area nearby to Fourka Chalkidiki, Greece, without WiFi; Typed with tablet used secretly very late nights to avoid daughter's intrusion or misuse, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN. 13920.2, Sound of Hope (list log); 1405, 9-Aug; Chinese talk; poor with pulser QRM from upfrequency (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also CHINA [non] for a long survey of SOH frequencies, some jammed (gh)

** TAIWAN [non]. FRANCE, Frequency change of Radio Taiwan

International from August 1

2000-2100 NF 3965 ISS 250 kW / 210 deg to SoEu Spanish, ex 5915/3965,
and

2100-2200 NF 3965 ISS 250 kW / 050 deg to WeEu German, ex 5915/3965.

Videos:

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/08/francenon-frequency-change-of-radio.html>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #866 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, August 12, 2014 via DXLD)

** THAILAND. 5875, R. Thailand Int., 1115 caught "This is HSK9..."
canned ID by M in English, then into Cambodian. Very nice signal and
fairly quiet for a change. Easily as good as the 31mb outlet with the
Malaysian program to 1215. The 15590 English broadcast at 0000 was
rather poor. (9 August) Nice reception of Radio Thailand World Service
<http://youtu.be/XSBBLb0IMUY>
73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** TIBET [non]. 6 Aug: 15582, V of Tibet, 1351 talks, Fair, QRM CNR
15580

15548, V of Tibet?, 1353 Talks in Chinese, Fair (Zacharias Liangas,
Using HF150, 20 m of wire in the area nearby to Fourka Chalkidiki,
Greece, without WiFi; Typed with tablet used secretly very late nights
to avoid daughter's intrusion or misuse, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TURKEY. [Re 14-32:] I think that 891 and 927 kHz will go dark
before long, too, considering that TRT is not even interested anymore
in making its Kurdish program (launched only in 2009) audible also
across the border in that collapsing country. And trying to beam
Arabic programming from Mersin into Syria, as reported in late 2012,
was thus just a short-lived episode.

Here are some photos, regrettably none of them revealing any glimpse
of the transmitters. So one can only speculate that these three
facilities have been outfitted by Telefunken, if so presumably with
their 300 kW PDM transmitter for MW, called S 4003.

http://www.waniewski.de/Besuchte_Stationen/Mersin/index.htm

http://www.waniewski.de/Besuchte_Stationen/Antalya/index.htm

http://www.waniewski.de/Besuchte_Stationen/Trabzon/index.htm

(Kai Ludwig, Germany, Aug 10, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** UKRAINE. 3 August: 11980, Dnirovskia Hvyly [sic], 0828 talks in 'RU'
then song, fair (Zacharias Liangas, Using HF150, 20 m of wire in the
area nearby to Fourka Chalkidiki, Greece, without WiFi; Typed with
tablet used secretly very late nights to avoid daughter's intrusion or
misuse, DX LISTENING DIGEST) By 'RU' do you mean Ukrainian? (gh, DXLD)

** UKRAINE. RUSSIA [sic], Crimea. Radio station "Voice of Russia"
started broadcasting in the Crimea.

Russian state radio station "Voice of Russia" launched on Friday is
broadcasting on the Crimean federal district - the inhabitants of the
peninsula will be available most operative and qualitative information
about the events in the Crimea and Russia as a whole.

"Crimea today the most important region of Russia, and our radio
station will contribute to all the changes for the better on the

peninsula," - said the launch of the "Voice of Russia" Dmitry Kiselev, CEO of MIA "Russia Today", which includes a radio station.

"Voice of Russia" has the largest coverage in the Crimea on the FM waves: 102.3 FM - Simferopol, Alushta, Feodosia and Bakhchisarai, 104.1 FM - in Sevastopol, Yalta, Evpatoria, Jankoi and Krasnoperekopsk, 105.3 FM - Kerch and Sudak, 107.1 FM - in Belogorskiy and Nizhnegorskiy areas, 100.2 FM - in the Chernomorskiy area.

"Its main purpose - not only to inform about the events of the Crimean people in social and political life of the Russian Federation, but also to a whole new level for the peninsula illuminate the processes taking place in the republic - better, deeper, more promptly," - said the head of the regional office, "Voice of Russia "Vadim Volchenko.

According to him, even during the first hour of the broadcast station to the editors received calls from dozens of listeners, "thanking us for the fact that now and in the Crimea can be heard news radio." "After all, this kind of media like no other, is able to quickly and fully to cover the most urgent and pressing issues of living in such an important historical time for it," - said Volchenko.

In addition to broadcast programs "Russian service" every hour will sound operational news of the peninsula, in the morning (8:00 to 10:00) and evening (from 16:00 to 18:00) ethers observers Crimean edition will disclose information picture of the day, poll experts on the hottest topics to discuss topical issues with the audience.

Also in the plans of the Crimean of Radio - the author of the program leading journalists in the region, and special projects aimed at promoting the Russian culture, literature and history.

President of the Russian Federation December 9, 2013 signed a decree on the establishment of an international news agency "Russia Today" on the basis of RIA Novosti, he became general director Dmitry Kiselev. Key areas of the agency, in accordance with the decree, are informational support Russian interests abroad and the formation of a positive image of the Russian Federation. Editor in chief of the agency became the head of the Russian news channel RT (Russia Today) Margarita Simonyan. In a new agency came as Russian State Broadcasting Company "Voice of Russia". ria.ru (via OnAir.ru via RusDX Aug 10 via DXLD)

** U K. BBC iPlayer fault leaves R4 listeners reeling from horrible dance music --- Listeners complain as downloads of Book at Bedtime and News Quiz are replaced by Radio 1's Scott Mills
<http://www.theguardian.com/media/2014/aug/07/bbc-iplayer-fault-radio-4-dance-music/print>

Some BBC iPlayer listeners had expected to hear the restful tones of a bedtime novel being read to them. Others had been looking forward to following the heart-warming and quirky adventures of a female detective agency in Botswana. So imagine their surprise, and even anger, when they instead heard banging dance music that sounded like a rave in full swing.

The BBC has been forced to apologise after it put the wrong content up on its iPlayer meaning Radio 4 listeners, who have an average age of 55, were given content from Radio 1, aimed at young people, when they selected programmes.

Listeners branded the unexpected sounds from Radio 1 as 'horrible' and complained it sounded like a dance party.

This came just a week after different technical problems with the iPlayer which resulted in it not working properly across an entire weekend.

Among the shows affected by the more recent incident were *Book at Bedtime* - *The Miniaturist* read by Emilia Fox, *The News Quiz* fronted by Sandi Toksvig and *The No 1 Ladies' Detective Agency*.

When Radio 4 fans downloaded their favourite shows, on 25 July, they instead got Radio 1 DJ Scott Mills's show and other dance music-related programming.

Audience members registered their dismay about the situation with Radio 4's complaints show *Feedback*. This had followed earlier complaints about the iPlayer outage on the weekend of 19 July. One listener said: 'I'm not sure what's going on with the iPlayer's version of *The News Quiz* this evening but it sounds like they are in a rave.'

Another complained: 'I tried to get *Book At Bedtime*. When it came up the sound recording was music, in inverted commas.'

'I suppose if I were 50 years younger I would probably be able to give you great detail and probably love it. But quite frankly it was horrible.'

A Radio 4 listener added: 'I tried to listen to the *No 1 Ladies Detective Agency* but instead I got the Scott Mills show from Radio 1. *The Miniaturist* - the *Book At Bedtime* that was affected - is set in the late 17th century and follows a young woman's new life as the wife of a Dutch East India Company merchant trader and an 'enigmatic artist' who makes complicated miniature creations.'

The News Quiz is a weekly satirical comedy panel game, while The No 1 Ladies' Detective Agency is based on the famous Alexander McCall Smith series of books about sleuthing in Botswana.

The BBC's iPlayer team told the episode of Feedback which aired last Friday: 'Due to an unforeseen technical issue on Friday (25 July) with one of our automatic recorder systems a number of catch-up radio programmes, or parts of programmes, were incorrectly recorded from Radio 1.'

'As soon as we realised there was a problem we began removing these programmes and republishing them with the correct content. We apologise for the inconvenience.'

The statement added: 'We regret that the last two weekends have been disappointing for audiences using our service. We do however believe this is not typical and in general over the last year our systems have been more resilient than ever. We are working hard to ensure these problems don't happen again.' (Brock Whaley, Ireland for DXLD)

** U S A. 7615-USB, Aug 8 around 0105, weak formal contacts, no doubt the Civil Air Patrol (around Iowa?) net I have been hearing. No reply from the one whose E-mail address was announced and copied; this organization is after all 'Civil', paramilitary, not military, but they try to be more gung-ho and secretive than MARS. Years ago I happened to meet someone in CAP (I think it was in Albuquerque), and was rather put off by his enthusiasm for inspecting the gore at crash sites (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Re my log: '13558, July 31 at 0118, beacon sending only 'MTI' (hmm, Manti, Utah?)' --- Harold Frodge in MI has also heard this HIFER beacon on 13555.6, and says it's from KI4MTI, in Ellicott City MD. HF Underground doesn't know where it is. Looks like a licensed ham call. However, ARRL lookup goes to:

'HOGAN, WILLIAM T, AB3MM

2161 Colonial Oak Way

Stone Mountain, GA 30087

ATTN: WILLIAM T. HOGAN

Previous call sign: KI4MTI

Previous license class: Technician

Licensee ID: L00283084

License Class: Extra

FRN: 0003973419

Radio Service: HA

Issue Date: 07/02/2010

Expire Date: 09/08/2020

Date of Last Change: 08/31/2013 (License Canceled)'

Harold replies with his source, an entry from 3.5 years ago:
http://www.on5ex.be/clipboard_view_unreg.php

Id Station Start date Start time Frequency Comments Link Posted by
397 AB3MM 2011-02-14 15:30:00 13557540 HiFER Beacon; 5wpm CW ID=MTI @
4.24mw into indoor folded dipole <http://www.lwca.org/> KI4MTI

So that makes the frequency 13557.54 kHz, with 4.24 milliwatts! But is he in Maryland or Georgia now?

Unfortunately no hits in that listing on AJO or AZ, other 13 MHz weak'uns I was hearing July 31 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I also see reference to MTI being from Stone Mountain GA; needs more research (Harold, *ibid.*,)

MTI, HiFER beacon "research": My previous log was; 13555.6 HiFER beacon MTI via KI4MTI Ellicott City MD; 0100, 7-Aug; M-T-I sent very slowly. LWCA lists MTI as Stone Mountain GA. KnightsQRSS attributes it to AB3MM in Stone Mountain GA. This entry was posted by KI4MTI in Ellicott City MD. The FCC database shows AB3MM & KI4MTI as cancelled (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST) So where does that leave MTI?? (gh, DXLD)

** U S A [and non]. LAUREN BACALL --- Keith Perron writes on Facebook:

American screen legend Lauren Bacall dies at age 89. The Voice of America has no mention. Then the following hour had a less than 1 minute story. Radio Australia/ABC Radio National did a 10 minute piece and the BBC World Service did a 6 minute story. The VOA? Ummmmm! (via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD) Gotta have obits of aging celebrities ready to go! (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. US Federal Business Opportunity: Broadcasting Board of Governors: UPLINK TO DIRECT-TO-HOME TELEVISION SERVICES - 24/7
<http://www.itbriefing.net/index.php?name=News&file=article&sid=600376>

[pertinent excerpt:]

(vi.) The Broadcasting Board of Governors, International Broadcasting Bureau (BBG/IBB), Office of Contracts (CON) located in Washington, D.C. anticipates a need (subject to availability of funding) to lease broadcast time from a Spanish Language Television (TV) Broadcaster in the Miami, Florida market area whose signal is carried on the local channel service of DirecTV and similar direct-to-home satellite services in the Miami, Florida market area. The objective in leasing these specific broadcast services is to take advantage of the direct-

to-home services south Florida satellite footprint spillover to reach the Office of Cuba Broadcasting's (OCB) audiences in Cuba for its TV Marti programming.

OCB may be interested in leasing broadcast time, 24 hours per day, 7 days per week on one satellite channel, subject to availability of funds.

For each half hour block, there will be three 2 minute commercial breaks within each half hour. The contractor will be allowed one minute in each commercial break for their own announcements or commercials (a total of 3 minutes in each half hour). The Contractor may broadcast its own station announcements before or after OCB programs, but not within OCB programs, except for the aforementioned commercial breaks. Station announcements shall be limited to commercials and features of local interest and must be clearly distinguished from the OCB and the United States Government and shall be done with the highest degree of integrity and business ethics. There shall be no political advertising immediately before or after the OCB-provided programming. Station announcements before or after OCB programming shall adhere to all FCC standards and contain no lewd or lascivious content. The Contractor shall provide detailed information on any signal-processing of the OCB-provided programming prior to its uplink. The uplinked OCB program signal to DirecTV shall meet or exceed the MPEG2/DVB commercial standard. The Contractor must also provide day-to-day operational contact information, Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System (CPARS) contact information as well as escalation contact information in the event there is an extensive problem that requires higher level managerial attention. The Contractor shall receive the OCB transmissions through the Miami Switch <http://www.theswitch.tv/> managed by Beers Enterprise, OR establish terrestrial fiber optic cable facilities from the OCB Miami facility (4201 NW 77th Ave) facility to their DirecTV satellite transmission uplink facility at their own cost. Any/All ancillary equipment or devices associated with this connectivity shall be the responsibility of the Contractor.

(vii) The period of performance is September 1, 2014 through February 28, 2015, with two six month option periods ñ March 1, 2015 ñ August 31, 2015, and September 1, 2015 ñ February 29, 2016. The Contractor shall submit a monthly invoice electronically to OCB, for services provided the preceding month (via DXLD)

SHORTWAVE BROADCASTING iOF MARGINAL AND CONTINUOUSLY DECLINING IMPACT,î Committee Concludes 08/12/2014

The Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) Special Committee on the Future of Shortwave Broadcasting foresees a dim outlook for the

medium. The Committee this month released its assessment of the current and projected use of shortwave radio as a platform for programming by US international media.

<http://www.arrl.org/news/shortwave-broadcasting-of-marginal-and-continuously-declining-impact-committee-concludes>

-- (via Horacio Nigro, CX3BZ, "La Galena del Sur", Montevideo, Uruguay, Aug 12, dxldyg via DXLD)

** U S A. BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING, AUGUST 13, 2014
<http://www.bbg.gov/blog/2013/10/24/board-meeting-august-13-2014/>

The Broadcasting Board of Governors will meet on Wednesday, August 13 at the BBG headquarters in Washington, D.C. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m.

The Board's agenda includes a discussion on FY 2015 regional strategies and establishment of new Board special committees. The Board will also receive a report by its Special Committee on the Future of Shortwave Broadcasting.

The leadership of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty will provide the Board an overview of the network's operations.

The public may attend this meeting in person as seating capacity permits, and there will be an opportunity for public comment. Members of the public seeking to attend the meeting in person must register here by 12:00 p.m. on August 12.

This meeting will also be available for public observation via live-streamed webcast and afterwards on-demand at <http://www.bbg.gov/> Information regarding this meeting, including any updates, can also be found at <http://www.bbg.gov/>

For more information, please contact BBG Public Affairs at (202) 203-4400 or by email at publicaffairs@bbg.gov (via Mike Terry, Aug 8, dxldyg via DXLD)

The members of the Broadcasting Board of Governors will meet in a closed session on August 12, 2014. Time: 11:00 a.m.

Agenda: The members of the Broadcasting Board of Governors (Board) will meet in a closed session to consider the appointment of the Director of Global Strategy for the Agency.

This meeting is closed to the public.

<http://www.bbg.gov/wp-content/media/2014/08/Closed-Meeting-Notice-8-12-2014.pdf>
(via Shawn Fahrner, NY, Aug 10, dxldyg via DXLD)

Perhaps the person who is appointed as Director of Global Strategy will tip his/her hand regarding his/her opinion as to what the (new) Global Strategy of BBG in terms of continuing SW broadcasting during the open session the following day. Just a thought (Shawn Fahrer, NY, ibid.)

The Shortwave Committee report will be discussed at the August 13 public meeting of the Broadcasting Board of Governors.
<http://www.bbg.gov/blog/2014/08/01/to-be-where-the-audience-is-report-of-the-special-committee-on-the-future-of-shortwave-broadcasting/>

The full report can be found via this page:
<http://www.bbg.gov/about-the-agency/research-reports/board/>

Note from Kim: Documentation about VOA Radiogram was provided to committee, and many VOA Radiogram listeners sent comments. VOA Radiogram was, however, not mentioned in the report.
(VOA Radiogram Aug 9 via roger, dxldyg via DXLD)

VOA Radiogram this weekend includes news items about international media, including the much anticipated report of the Broadcasting Board of Governors shortwave committee. Here is the lineup for VOA Radiogram, program 71, 9-10 August 2014 (MFSK32)Ö

- 1:32 Program preview
- 2:36 Siberian activism may bring Russian Internet controls
- 7:24 Chinese TV channel disrupted by ihacktivist,î with image
- 14:29 SW Radio Africa ends broadcasts to Zimbabwe, with image
- 19:22 BBG shortwave committee issues report, with image
- 26:23 Closing announcements

VOA Radiogram transmission schedule
(all days and times UT):
Sat 0930-1000 5745 kHz
Sat 1600-1630 17860 kHz
Sun 0230-0300 5745 kHz
Sun 1930-2000 15670 kHz
All via the Edward R. Murrow transmitting station in North Carolina.

VOA Mandarin continues its daily MFSK transmissions, now MFSK16 centered on 2000 Hz. Very precise tuning of the audio frequency is necessary for a successful decode of MFSK16. Most of the voices and music you hear will be Chinese domestic radio co-channel with VOA Mandarin. Daily (each transmission is 1 minute, 22 seconds):
2258 UT 6135 9845 kHz
0058 UT 9880 15385 15565 17560 kHz
Via Asian relay stations

The Mighty KBC will transmit a minute of MFSK64 Saturday at about 1130

UT on 6095 kHz, and Sunday about 0130 UT (Saturday 9:30 pm EDT) on 9925 kHz. Both frequencies are via Germany.

If you are too close for reception of VOA Radiogram on 17860 or 15670, or too far for reception of VOA Mandarin or of the 6095 kHz frequency of KBC, try this web-controlled receiver in the Netherlands:

<http://websdr.ewi.utwente.nl:8901/>

Decode the MFSK using Fldigi from w1hkj.com or your favorite decoding software (Kim Elliott, dxldyg via DXLD)

LOGS: KBC Radiogram, VoA Mandarin Text + VoA Radiogram [2014-08-09] + a few additional explanatory screenshots:

http://www.rhci-online.de/VoA_Radiogram_2014-08-09.htm

(roger, Germany, Aug 10, dxldyg via DXLD)

Includes propagation maps of VOA 17 MHz from Greenville (gh, DXLD)

Listener T. W. in Shimane prefecture, Japan, produced these videos of the MFSK16 text mode included in recent VOA Mandarin broadcasts. Note that most of the voices and music you hear are Chinese domestic radio that is co-channel on every VOA Mandarin frequency. (Funny how that happens.) VOA is in the background until the MFSK16 kicks in:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ExrqJ9ZORhg>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Iuq3l7pwp0c>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PLHlco4mfVE>

Digital text modes are on hiatus now on VOA Mandarin, but will return soon with the Olivia 32-2000 mode, an entirely different philosophy of competing against co-channel interference. Teaching old shortwave transmitters new tricks (Kim Elliott, voaradiogram.net Aug 13, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5745, Voice of America RadioGram (Greenville, USA), 0245 UT Aug 10. Transmisi n de modo digital. Buena se al pero con ruido intermedio que no afecta demasiado a la escucha del modo digital que se est  transmitiendo, SINPO: 45434. All the logs were made using a Degen DE1103 radio in Vicu a, Chile. Regards, (Marcos Cox, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. iZ ri i Amerik s  nd rpret transmetimet n  Greqi, pas 72 vitesh

Added by E Verteta on August 8, 2014. Saved under Aktualitet, Rajoni

Greqi- Pas 72 vitesh jet , sh rbimi n  gjuh n greke i radios iVoice of Amerika  (Z ri i Amerik s, VOA), transmetuesi zyrtar radiofonik i qeveris  amerikane p r jasht  vendit, do t  ndaloj  s  shpejti transmetimet p r shkak t  problemeve financiare t  koh ve t  fundit.

Njoftimi u raportua sot nga media greke duke cituar nj  njoftim t 

lëshuar paraprakisht nga VOA. Trasmetimi i fundit do të jetë të martën e ardhshme nga media private greke Skai. Shërbimi në gjuhën greke ishte një nga të parët që filloi trasmetimin e "Voice of America" në Evropë, në vitin 1942, dhe që atëherë mbulojnë ngjarjet dhe zhvillimet ndërkombëtare si edhe marrëdhëniet e Shteteve të Bashkuara të Amerikës me Greqinë dhe Qipron.

/E Vërteta.al/ (via Drita «iAo, Tirana, DXLD) Google translation from Albanian:

VOICE OF AMERICA BROADCASTS IN GREECE TERMINATES AFTER 72 YEARS

Added by The Truth on August 8, 2014.

Saved under Current Affairs, Region

After 72 years of life between Greece, Greek language service of Radio "Voice of America" (VOA, VOA), the official radio broadcaster for the American government abroad, will soon stop broadcasting because of recent financial problems last.

The announcement was Greek media reported today, citing a notice issued in advance by the VOA. The transmission of the last will be next Tuesday by Greece's private Skai media. Service in the Greek language was one of the first that started transmitting "Voice of America" in Europe, in 1942, and since then cover international events and developments as well as relations of the United States with Greece and Cyprus.

/ The Vërteta.al / (via DXLD) VOA Greek had not been on SW for many, many years. IIRC, when it was, it was sort of informal, not on the official schedules (gh, DXLD)

VOICE OF AMERICA ENDS GREEK BROADCASTS

[caption:]

VOA Greek Service Chief Anna Morris reporting from the White House

WASHINGTON, D.C., August 11, 2014 - After 72 years on air, the Voice of America Greek Service -- one of the longest-running language services -- is signing off today for the last time, bidding adieu to loyal listeners in Greece, Cyprus, and beyond.

VOA Director David Ensor called the Greek Service "a small but mighty group of talented, dedicated journalists, who for over seven decades served as an unbiased, objective news source."

The Greek Service was established on November 1, 1942, and went on to cover historic turning points of modern Greece, from the civil war in the late 1940s to the accession to the European Union, and most recently the country's struggles to remain an integral part of the

E.U.

The Greek Service was among the first services at the Voice of America to transition to exclusively affiliate-based broadcasting in the early 1990s. One of VOA's smallest language services, the staff provided regular and ad-hoc content to its affiliate stations in Greece, with unique perspectives on U.S. politics, coverage of issues concerning the Greek-American community, and live Q&As during major global news events.

Ioannis Spanolios, general manager of one of VOA's first-ever affiliates, SKAI Radio and TV in Greece, said, "We are saddened because our collaboration that lasted close to a quarter century has come to a close...because we are losing a valuable news source from the other side of the Atlantic."

VOA Greek Service Chief Anna K. Morris said of her time with the Greek Service, "I feel absolutely privileged to have been given the opportunity to present American perspectives to Greek audiences for over 22 years."

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AFTER 72 YEARS ON AIR, VOA'S GREEK SERVICE GOES SILENT
[ekathimerini.com](http://www.ekathimerini.com) By Zacharo Gialamas August 14, 2014
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Almost three-quarters of a century after it first began broadcasting, the microphones at the Greek Service of the Voice of America (VOA) went silent for the last time on Tuesday.

The final radio program was carried by Skai in Athens, thereby ending 72 years of broadcasts targeted at Greek-speaking audiences in Greece and the USA.

"I feel absolutely privileged to have been given the opportunity to present American perspectives to Greek audiences for over 22 years," said VOA Greek Service chief Anna K. Morris.

According to the Broadcasting Board of Governors' (BBG) website, VOA Director David Ensor called the Greek Service a small but mighty group of talented, dedicated journalists, who for over seven decades served as an unbiased, objective news source.

Budget cuts at VOA and a change of direction in terms of the foreign language services the broadcaster wanted to offer both contributed to the decision to shut down the Greek service. In a post-9/11 world, there were doubts about whether federal money was best spent on broadcasting to developed democracies that were already served by a free local media.

The Greek Service was one of the original services of the Voice of America, which went on the air in 1942. By covering events involving Greece and Cyprus it proved a vital link between members of the Greek diaspora in the USA and their homeland. As time, and journalism, evolved the Greek service broadcast TV programs and kept its audience informed via its website.

In 1991, the VOA Greek Service and VOA Turkish Service were awarded the İpekçi Peace and Friendship Prize for Communication. They were chosen for their multifaceted and sincere cooperation in support of the Greek-Turkish rapprochement on an international level.¹

VOA's decision means that this is the second Greek-language international media service to go off the airwaves in the last decade. The BBC's Greek Service was closed down at the end of 2005. This means the only Greek service still operating in the Western media is that of Deutsche Welle, broadcasting from Bonn, Germany.

However, US Senator Robert Menéndez said that he would make efforts to ensure that the Greek Service gets back on air, saying that it had helped foster understanding between Greece and the USA "and has promoted democratic values and free market ideas in Greece for decades."

"Upon learning of Voice of America's plan to discontinue its Greek language service earlier this year, I expressed my opposition to the Broadcasting Board of Governors. With Greece emerging from an economic crisis that had profound social and political impact on the country, and with instability spreading in near-by regions, now is clearly not the time to end a service that allows us to communicate the best of our ideas and ideals to the Greek public," said Menéndez, who is chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, in a statement on August 12.

"In this context, it is of the utmost importance that the U.S. Government and the American people have a forum to present our views about ongoing developments at home, in Greece and around the world. I am convinced that the platform best equipped to guarantee that free exchange of information between the United States and Greece is Voice of America's Greek language service, a program I will do everything in

my power to restore." (via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

** U S A. VOA PEERLESS IN COVERAGE OF U.S.-AFRICA LEADERS SUMMIT
<http://www.insidevoa.com/content/voa-peerless-in-coverage-of-us-africa-leaders-summit-/2412575.html>
(VOA PR Aug 13 via DXLD)

** U S A [non]. VATICAN STATE, 11995, HFCC list of Aug 3rd shows IBB Kurdish language entry here, via Santa Maria di Galeria. But on Aug 11 heard VoA in slow English instead at 0530 UT. 73 wb (Wolfgang B. schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also KURDISTAN [non]

13830, Aug 11 at 0530, VOA French via BOTSWANA resumes on a Monday, with QRM from the noise blob I have been hearing, already at 0526 tune-in; slightly on the hi side, so tuning VOA to the lo side helps. QRM possibly of local origin, but was not there until last week; and in the middle of the night I am not inclined to go outside to hear if it recede.

13830, Aug 12 at 0539, VOA French via BOTSWANA now has no blob QRM on the hi side; weaker than competing simulFrench on 13840 from Japan via Madagascar (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WBCQ has canceled without notice the Thursday 2100 UT airing of WORLD OF RADIO on 7490, which had restarted on May 21, as still displayed on the home page <http://www.wbcq.com/>

Checking the webcast at 2128 August 7 after our nap, expecting a reconfirmation, instead we hear a preacher, eventually IDing as the Academy of Bible Literacy, Tallahassee FL; he panders to SW listeners saying they are smart enough to avoid the internet, but refers us anyway to his website which reveals:

``Academy of Bible Literacy, Tallahassee FL: BACK ON SHORTWAVE! Cool Starting Aug. 7, 2014, Thursdays at 5 pm EST [sic] on WBCQ 7490 khz``

So it's a full hour, also displacing 'The Watchman Program' at 2130. As for WOR, we'll have to wait until next Wednesday at 2100 to hear whether that airing remain [it does]. WOR is considered filler for unsold time (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1734, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WOR 1733 confirmed on WWRB webcast, UT Friday August 8: 0329 preacher stops; respectful pause and hum, and WOR starts about 0330, as usual extremely distorted and overmodulated until turned down, but not enough; some distortion remains, also on 3185 which has an otherwise good signal. No comments from Dave before or after, this week. Next: Saturday 0630 & 1430 on HLR 7265-CUSB
UT Sunday 0030 on WRMI 9495 (probably 1732)

UT Sunday 0131 on KVOH 9975 (assuming transmitter fixed since last week)

UT Monday 0259v on Area 51 via WBCQ 5110v-CUSB

Monday 2100 on WRMI 15770 --- etc.

WORLD OF RADIO 1733 monitoring: confirmed new 1733 (not 1732), UT Sunday August 10 on WRMI 9495; fair signal but some ACI from 9500 Oman which is stronger and unfortunately on correct frequency tonight. By next week this WRMI transmission is to be on 5950 instead.

WOR 1733 also confirmed on KVOH 9975, UT Sunday August 10 from 0131.

Next:

UT Monday 0259v on Area 51 via WBCQ 5110v-CUSB

Monday 2100 on WRMI 15770

Tuesday 1100 on WRMI 9955

Wednesday 0630 on HLR 7265-CUSB

Wednesday 1315 on WRMI 9955

Wednesday 1430 on HLR 7265-CUSB

Wednesday 2100 on WBCQ 7490v (unreconfirmed)

The new WRMI frequency schedule effective August 12 for the red 'F' hours, replaces 9495 with 5950 at 00-01; at 21-22, not only 15770 but also 7570 breaks away from otherwise Overcomer. Does this mean that WOR at 0030 UT Sundays and 2100 UT Mondays will be on these frequencies? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Not exactly

WORLD OF RADIO 1733 monitoring: confirmed on WBCQ 7490v webcast, Wednesday Aug 13 at 2100.

WORLD OF RADIO 1734 monitoring: confirmed first broadcast UT Thursday Aug 14 at 0330 on WRMI 9955, fair signal, but Studio DX in Italian before 0330 was coming in better. Next:

Thursday 1230 on WRMI 9955

UT Friday 0326v on WWRB 3185

Friday 2130 on WRMI 7570 (across North America) & 15770 [NEW; may be previous edition]

Saturday 0630 & 1430 on Hamburger Lokalradio 7265-CUSB

UT Sunday 0100 on WRMI 5950 [ex-0030 on 9495; may be previous 1733]

UT Sunday 0131 on KVOH 9975

UT Monday 0259v on Area 51 via WBCQ 5110v-CUSB

Tuesday 1100 on WRMI 9955

Wednesday 0630 on Hamburger Lokalradio 7265-CUSB

Wednesday 1315 on WRMI 9955

Wednesday 2100 on WBCQ 7490v

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 9955, UT Sat Aug 9 at 0123, in accordance with WRMI's new program grid, no more 'PCJ Radio International' (which had been repeating for a few? weeks), but instead a preacher; at least half the old hour remains DXy, with another 'Wavescan' repeat now from 0130; Ray Robinson reading a feature at 0137 check. Moderate jamming level.

[and non]. 11730, Aug 9 at 0104, WRMI-4 is off but from August 12 is to be 24 hour BS, except Family Radio at 23-24; 44 degree beam, and much weaker here than the NW beam on 11825, 7570. Instead I am hearing something else weak.

HFCC shows 24 hour 'YFR' on 11730 will conflict with numerous others: Vatican via Uzbekistan, no doubt what I hear now; CRI, NHK via France; Turkey; Saudi Arabia; Belarus; BBC via Singapore, Thailand; Iran; Russia may be scratched anyway.

7570, Aug 11 at 1931, WRMI has already gone to 24-hour BS schedule here, rather than from Aug 12. At this hour it's very poor but // fair 11730 which has also gone 24h, and much better 11825, and sufficient 15770.

15770 at 2100 Aug 11, I am rechecking whether WORLD OF RADIO airs and on time, but it doesn't. After BZ ID after BS block, 'La Rosa de Tokio' starts, the hour-long DX program from antipodal Argentina. And now doing the same on // 7570 with a poor signal this early, but at least it's aimed inward.

Now that 15770 and 7570 are also running 24 hours, there is a one-hour breakaway from BS at 21-22 for RMI programming; we hope that WOR has been shifted to some other day, preferably fresher Friday or Saturday.

9495, Aug 12 at 0051 is gone, as per new schedule, when it had also been carrying RMI DX and other programming at 00-01. I'm not sure why, as 9495 was doing a decent job, better than a lower band. But Jeff White tells me this block is shifted to 5950 an hour later at 01-02, and so it has been: 'La Rosa de Tokio' again heard UT Tuesday Aug 12, joining in progress a bit late at 0100:30. So we expect WOR to be within this hour, but preferably not at 0130 UT Sundays since that would be at the same time as on 9975 KVOH.

Before 0100, at 0052 check, 5950 now has F.mily Radio's remaining token programming in Spanish; no longer // 5015 which is still with BS. At 0052 we find WRMI BS on all these: 15770 (now very good), 11825, 11730, 7730, 7570, 5015. Further chex of new schedule:

11730, Aug 12 at 0536, WRMI BS now is CCI to NHK French via FRANCE, about equal level here, and also abutting 11725 RNZI.

7570, Aug 12 at 1353, still good signal with BS (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Updated summer A-14 schedule via Okeechobee effective 0000 UT Aug. 12:

0000-0100	5015	YFR	100	kW	/	044	deg	WeEu	English	Brother Stair	tx#03
0000-0100	5850	YFR	100	kW	/	355	deg	ENAm	English	TruNews+Music	tx#08
0000-0100	5950	YFR	100	kW	/	181	deg	CARR	English	WRMI programs	tx#14
0000-0100	7455	YFR	100	kW	/	285	deg	WNAm	English	TruNews+Music	tx#13
0000-0100	7570	YFR	100	kW	/	315	deg	WNAm	English	Brother Stair	tx#11
0000-0100	7730	YFR	100	kW	/	222	deg	MEXI	English	Brother Stair	tx#01
0000-0100	9495	YFR	100	kW	/	151	deg	NSAm	Various	WRMI programs	tx#09
0000-0100	9955	YFR	100	kW	/	160	deg	CeAm	Various	WRMI programs	tx#10
0000-0100	11730	YFR	100	kW	/	044	deg	WeEu	English	Brother Stair	tx#04
0000-0100	11825	YFR	100	kW	/	315	deg	WNAm	English	Brother Stair	tx#12
0000-0100	15770	YFR	100	kW	/	044	deg	WeEu	English	Brother Stair	tx#09

0100-0200	5015	YFR	100	kW	/	044	deg	WeEu	English	Brother Stair	tx#03
0100-0200	5850	YFR	100	kW	/	355	deg	ENAm	English	TruNews+Music	tx#08
0100-0200	5950	YFR	100	kW	/	181	deg	CARR	English	WRMI programs	tx#14
0100-0200	7455	YFR	100	kW	/	285	deg	WNAm	English	TruNews+Music	tx#13
0100-0200	7570	YFR	100	kW	/	315	deg	WNAm	English	Brother Stair	tx#11
0100-0200	7730	YFR	100	kW	/	222	deg	MEXI	English	Brother Stair	tx#01
0100-0200	9955	YFR	100	kW	/	160	deg	CeAm	Various	WRMI programs	tx#10
0100-0200	11730	YFR	100	kW	/	044	deg	WeEu	English	Brother Stair	tx#04
0100-0200	11825	YFR	100	kW	/	315	deg	WNAm	English	Brother Stair	tx#12
0100-0200	15770	YFR	100	kW	/	044	deg	WeEu	English	Brother Stair	tx#09

0200-0300	5015	YFR	100	kW	/	044	deg	WeEu	English	Brother Stair	tx#03
0200-0300	5850	YFR	100	kW	/	355	deg	ENAm	English	TruNews+Music	tx#08
0200-0300	7455	YFR	100	kW	/	285	deg	WNAm	English	TruNews+Music	tx#13
0200-0300	7570	YFR	100	kW	/	315	deg	WNAm	English	Brother Stair	tx#11
0200-0300	7730	YFR	100	kW	/	222	deg	MEXI	English	Brother Stair	tx#01
0200-0300	9955	YFR	100	kW	/	160	deg	CeAm	Various	WRMI programs	tx#10
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0200-0300	15770	YFR	100	kW	/	044	deg	WeEu	English	Brother Stair	tx#09

0300-0400	5015	YFR	100	kW	/	044	deg	WeEu	English	Brother Stair	tx#03
0300-0400	5850	YFR	100	kW	/	355	deg	ENAm	English	TruNews+Music	tx#08
0300-0400	7455	YFR	100	kW	/	285	deg	WNAm	English	TruNews+Music	tx#13
0300-0400	7570	YFR	100	kW	/	315	deg	WNAm	English	Brother Stair	tx#11
0300-0400	7730	YFR	100	kW	/	222	deg	MEXI	Spanish	R.Taiwan Int.	tx#01
0300-0400	9955	YFR	100	kW	/	160	deg	CeAm	Various	WRMI programs	tx#10
0300-0400	11730	YFR	100	kW	/	044	deg	WeEu	English	Brother Stair	tx#04
0300-0400	11825	YFR	100	kW	/	315	deg	WNAm	English	Brother Stair	tx#12
0300-0400	15770	YFR	100	kW	/	044	deg	WeEu	English	Brother Stair	tx#09

0400-0430	5985	YFR	100	kW	/	222	deg	MEXI	Spanish	R.Japan (NHK)	tx#02
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0430-0500 5985 YFR 100 kW / 222 deg MEXI Various WRMI programs tx#02

0400-0500 5850 YFR 100 kW / 355 deg ENAm English TruNews+Music tx#08

0400-0500 7455 YFR 100 kW / 285 deg WNAm English TruNews+Music tx#13

0400-0500 7570 YFR 100 kW / 315 deg WNAm English Brother Stair tx#11

0400-0500 7730 YFR 100 kW / 222 deg MEXI English Brother Stair tx#01

0400-0500 9955 YFR 100 kW / 160 deg CeAm Various WRMI programs tx#10

0400-0500 11730 YFR 100 kW / 044 deg WeEu English Brother Stair tx#04

0400-0500 11825 YFR 100 kW / 315 deg WNAm English Brother Stair tx#12

0400-0500 15190 YFR 100 kW / 087 deg NCaf English Brother Stair tx#07

0400-0500 15770 YFR 100 kW / 044 deg WeEu English Brother Stair tx#09

0500-0600 5850 YFR 100 kW / 355 deg ENAm English TruNews+Music tx#08

0500-0600 7455 YFR 100 kW / 285 deg WNAm English TruNews+Music tx#13

0500-0600 7570 YFR 100 kW / 315 deg WNAm English Brother Stair tx#11

0500-0600 7730 YFR 100 kW / 222 deg MEXI English Brother Stair tx#01

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0500-0600 11825 YFR 100 kW / 315 deg WNAm English Brother Stair tx#12

0500-0600 15190 YFR 100 kW / 087 deg NCaf English Brother Stair tx#07

0500-0600 15770 YFR 100 kW / 044 deg WeEu English Brother Stair tx#09

0600-0800 5850 YFR 100 kW / 355 deg ENAm English TruNews+Music tx#08

0600-0800 7455 YFR 100 kW / 285 deg WNAm English TruNews+Music tx#13

0600-0800 7570 YFR 100 kW / 315 deg WNAm English Brother Stair tx#11

0600-0800 9955 YFR 100 kW / 160 deg CeAm English Brother Stair tx#10

0600-0800 11730 YFR 100 kW / 044 deg WeEu English Brother Stair tx#04

0600-0800 11825 YFR 100 kW / 315 deg WNAm English Brother Stair tx#12

0600-0800 15190 YFR 100 kW / 087 deg NCaf English Brother Stair tx#07

0600-0800 15770 YFR 100 kW / 044 deg WeEu English Brother Stair tx#09

Video Aug. 12, first day of 24 hours operation frequencies 11730/15770

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=14XNrSRNNIk&feature=youtu.be>

0800-1000 5850 YFR 100 kW / 355 deg ENAm English TruNews+Music tx#08

0800-1000 7455 YFR 100 kW / 285 deg WNAm English TruNews+Music tx#13

0800-1000 7570 YFR 100 kW / 315 deg WNAm English Brother Stair tx#11

0800-1000 9955 YFR 100 kW / 160 deg CeAm English Brother Stair tx#10

0800-1000 11730 YFR 100 kW / 044 deg WeEu English Brother Stair tx#04

0800-1000 11825 YFR 100 kW / 315 deg WNAm English Brother Stair tx#12

0800-1000 15770 YFR 100 kW / 044 deg WeEu English Brother Stair tx#09

1000-1030 5850 YFR 100 kW / 355 deg ENAm Various WRMI programs tx#08

1000-1100 7570 YFR 100 kW / 315 deg WNAm English Brother Stair tx#11

1000-1100 9955 YFR 100 kW / 160 deg CeAm Various WRMI programs tx#10

1000-1100 11730 YFR 100 kW / 044 deg WeEu English Brother Stair tx#04

1000-1100 11825 YFR 100 kW / 315 deg WNAm English Brother Stair tx#12

1000-1100 15770 YFR 100 kW / 044 deg WeEu English Brother Stair tx#09

1100-1400	7570	YFR	100	kW	/	315	deg	WNAm	English	Brother Stair	tx#11
1100-1400	9955	YFR	100	kW	/	160	deg	CeAm	Various	WRMI programs	tx#10
1100-1400	11730	YFR	100	kW	/	044	deg	WeEu	English	Brother Stair	tx#04
1100-1400	11825	YFR	100	kW	/	315	deg	WNAm	English	Brother Stair	tx#12
1100-1400	15770	YFR	100	kW	/	044	deg	WeEu	English	Brother Stair	tx#09
1400-2000	7570	YFR	100	kW	/	315	deg	WNAm	English	Brother Stair	tx#11
1400-2000	9955	YFR	100	kW	/	160	deg	CeAm	English	Brother Stair	tx#10
1400-2000	11730	YFR	100	kW	/	044	deg	WeEu	English	Brother Stair	tx#04
1400-2000	11825	YFR	100	kW	/	315	deg	WNAm	English	Brother Stair	tx#12
1400-2000	15770	YFR	100	kW	/	044	deg	WeEu	English	Brother Stair	tx#09
1400-2000	17790	YFR	100	kW	/	087	deg	NCAf	English	Radio Africa	tx#07
2000-2100	7570	YFR	100	kW	/	315	deg	WNAm	English	Brother Stair	tx#11
2000-2100	9955	YFR	100	kW	/	160	deg	CeAm	English	Brother Stair	tx#10
2000-2100	11730	YFR	100	kW	/	044	deg	WeEu	English	Brother Stair	tx#04
2000-2100	11825	YFR	100	kW	/	315	deg	WNAm	English	Brother Stair	tx#12
2000-2100	15190	YFR	100	kW	/	087	deg	NCAf	English	Radio Africa	tx#07
2000-2100	15770	YFR	100	kW	/	044	deg	WeEu	English	Brother Stair	tx#09
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2200-2300	15190	YFR	100	kW	/	087	deg	NCAf	English	Radio Africa	tx#07
2200-2300	15770	YFR	100	kW	/	044	deg	WeEu	English	Brother Stair	tx#09
2300-2400	5850	YFR	100	kW	/	355	deg	ENAm	English	TruNews+Music	tx#08
2300-2400	5950	YFR	100	kW	/	181	deg	CARR	Spanish	Family Radio	tx#14
2300-2400	7455	YFR	100	kW	/	285	deg	WNAm	English	TruNews+Music	tx#13
2300-2400	7570	YFR	100	kW	/	315	deg	WNAm	English	Brother Stair	tx#11

2300-2400 7730 YFR 100 kW / 222 deg MEXI English Brother Stair tx#01
2300-2400 9955 YFR 100 kW / 160 deg CeAm Various WRMI programs tx#10
2300-2400 11730 YFR 100 kW / 044 deg WeEu Spanish Family Radio tx#04
2300-2400 11825 YFR 100 kW / 315 deg WNAm English Brother Stair tx#12
2300-2400 15770 YFR 100 kW / 044 deg WeEu English Brother Stair tx#09

Brother Stair /TOM/ is increased to 122 hours Mon-Fri and 120 hours Sat/Sun (DX RE MIX NEWS #866 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, August 12, 2014 via DXLD) I.e. averaging 5 transmitters at once (gh, DXLD)

WRMI wants 11730 reports --- Glenn: We are interested in reports on 11730 kHz on the new beam [44 degrees], particular from listeners in eastern North America. We know that it is doing extremely well (SINPO 55555) in France for example around 0500 UT. But we are interested to know how well it is doing in eastern North America during different hours, day and night. [24/7] Jeff White info@wrmi.net (via gh, dxldyg via DXLD) [more below]

Quite a few changes in the latest WRMI 9955 program schedule:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0AivhtkIEGb3_dEN0bnZrMkt1YmtUWGxkbkd3TGNzOXc&hl=en#gid=0

Viva Miami and Wavescan times have been updated on our DX/SWL/Media Programs page. PCJ Radio International/Media Network Plus is no longer on sked (nor via Sri Lanka Sundays at 1230), so is it on any SW station? Radio France International (no -e, so presumably in English), is now shown at 0400-0430 UT Monday-Saturday on 9955 (Glenn Hauser, Aug 8, dxldyg via DXLD)

15770 & 7570, Tue Aug 12 after 2100, WRMI 'F' hour breakway from TOM now contains 'Media Network Plus' from PCJ Radio International. It's another replay of the hour-long monthly edition for July to cover Keith's vacation to Cambodia; includes his VOA parody, and then a long interview with Jonathan Marks for the rest of the hour. PCJ had previously disappeared from the 9955 schedule, so this is presumably the only time for it on any WRMI transmitter, and not known on any other SW station either. I started listening on 15770, and when it began to fade around 2120, switched to // 7570, which was coming in well enough and building. Note: only this one is on the northwest beam across North America!

Jeff White points out that there is now a schedule grid for all the 'F' blox which are attributed to Family Stations, colored red on the graphic frequency schedule. This program schedule is not on the same page as the 9955 programming, but just below the frequency schedule grid at lines 120-141, current URL:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1nEVwCMB9RSKowLzLXamyayVpCzjmPAw_SB1r3Y0dzQc/edit?pli=1#gid=0

which I have tinyurled to:

<http://tinyurl.com/kjchgca>

or reached thru homepage <http://www.wrmi.net> > programming > transmission schedule. Note: if you have downloaded previous frequency schedules, you may get an old one which still exist on the web at different incredibly complex googURLs.

From that, the DX programs on WRMI frequencies other than 9955:

Historias de Radio: Mon 0430-0500; Fri 0130-0200

Antena DX: Thu 0430-0500; Sat 0100-0130

Viva Miami: Fri 0430-0445; Mon/Wed/Fri 1015-1030; Wed & Sat 2115-2130, Thu 0130-0145

Frecuencia al Día: Fri 0100-0130; Sat 0430-0500

Wavescan: Sat 1000-1030; Sun 0130-0200

La Rosa de Tokio: Mon 2100-2200; Tue 0100-0200

Media Network Plus: Tue 2100-2200 [WORLD OF RADIO 1734]

WORLD OF RADIO: Fri 2130-2200; Sun 0100-0130

Some other programs of interest:

Blues Radio International: Tue 0430-0500; Thu 2130-2200; Sat 0130-0200

Trova Libre: Wed 0430-0500; Mon 0100-0130

Acontecer Venezolano: Thu 0145-0200; Fri 0445-0500

EU News: Tue & Thu 1015-1030; Wed 2100-2115; Sun 2115-2130

From Moscow With Love: Wed 2130-2200

RFI Musique: Wed 0100-0200, Thu 0100-0130 WORLD OF RADIO 1734,

Frequencies for System F:

0100-0200 5950, WRMI-13, 181 degrees

0430-0500 5985, WRMI-2, 222 degrees

1000-1030 5850, WRMI-8, 355 degrees

2100-2200 15770, WRMI-9, 44 degrees

2100-2200 7570, WRMI-11, 315 degrees

Jeff says the reason for moving from 9495 to 5950 is that the higher frequency is tending to skip over main target Cuba.

5950, UT Wed Aug 13 at 0135, RFI musique with fast SAH, poor signal but not much QRM from 5952+ Bolivia tonight. HFCC & Aoki show the CCI is: IRAN in Tajik at 0050-0220, 500 kW, 46 degrees from Sirjan.

Jeff White is also asking for reports at any hour on 11730, especially from eastern N America and Europe, since WRMI-4 has been changed from 160 to 44 degree beam. It's all Overcomer except at 23-24 F-mily Radio in Spanish.

I have noted that there are many other users of 11730 during the day; we're about 90 degrees off from Okee, so not very good here, and at 0138 some CCI can be heard under BS, presumably Vatican as scheduled

until 0200 via UZBEKISTAN (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1734, DX LISTENING DIGEST) As of 0000 UT Aug 16, 11730 replaced by 11580 (gh)

Mercoledì 13 agosto 2014, 0440 - 5985 kHz, WRMI - Okeechobee-FL (USA), Annunci "Magallanes Int. ... Cuba Libre" Programma attuale o registrazione vintage? Segnale sufficiente (Luca Botto Fiora, QTH Rapallo (Genova) - Italia, bclnews.it yg via DXLD) The latter (gh)

Well, I tuned in 11730 at 0730 on 13 August, and was greeted to the screams of Brother Stair. I wish I had been warned, but I'm awake now! Good, steady signal with no selective fading. No strong splatter from 11725 or 11735. However, another signal could be heard on 11730 underneath and at times rising to a level to cause quite a mix of audio. This is listed, and I presume it is Turkey in Azeri. I didn't stick around for an ID on this second station, as there is only so much Brother Stair one can take, and my attention is drawn to rising FM tropo this morning (Brock Whaley, Ireland for DXLD)

WRMI Okeechobee wants reports for 11730 - Brother Stair/Family Radio: 0000-2300 on 11730 YFR 100 kW / 044 deg to WeEu English Brother Stair 2300-2400 on 11730 YFR 100 kW / 044 deg to WeEu Spanish Family Radio 11730 is free channel 0200-0230, 0330-0530, 0600-0700, 0800-1100, 2300-0030

Collisions, co-channels from other really active transmissions / stations:

0040-0100	11730	TAC	100 kW	/	141 deg	SoAs	Hindi	Vatican	Radio
0100-0120	11730	TAC	100 kW	/	141 deg	SoAs	Tamil	Vatican	Radio
0120-0140	11730	TAC	100 kW	/	141 deg	SoAs	Malayalam	Vatican	Radio
0140-0200	11730	TAC	100 kW	/	141 deg	SoAs	English	Vatican	Radio
0230-0325	11730	KUN	500 kW	/	283 deg	SoAs	Nepalese	China	Radio Int
0530-0600	11730	ISS	500 kW	/	190 deg	WCAf	French	R.Japan	NHK World
0700-0755	11730	EMR	500 kW	/	095 deg	CeAs	Azeri	TRT	Voice of Turkey
1100-1400	11730	MNS	100 kW	/	246 deg	WeEu	Belarussian	Radio	Belarus
1223-1320	11730	SIR	500 kW	/	060 deg	WeAs	Pashto	VIRI/IRIB	
1330-1400	11730	SNG	100 kW	/	330 deg	SoAs	Bengali	BBC	
1400-1500	11730	NAK	250 kW	/	305 deg	SoAs	Bengali	Tue/Sun	BBC
1400-1600	11730	MNS	100 kW	/	246 deg	WeEu	Russian	Radio	Belarus
1600-1800	11730	MNS	100 kW	/	246 deg	WeEu	Polish	Radio	Belarus
1800-1940	11730	MNS	100 kW	/	246 deg	WeEu	German	Radio	Belarus
1940-2000	11730	MNS	100 kW	/	246 deg	WeEu	German	Tue/Wed/Fri	Belarus
1940-2000	11730	MNS	100 kW	/	246 deg	WeEu	French	Sat-Mon/Thu	Belarus
2000-2020	11730	MNS	100 kW	/	246 deg	WeEu	Spanish	Sat-Mon/Thu	Belarus
2000-2020	11730	MNS	100 kW	/	246 deg	WeEu	English	Tue/Wed/Fri	Belarus
2020-2200	11730	MNS	100 kW	/	246 deg	WeEu	English	Radio	Belarus
2200-2300	11730	MNS	100 kW	/	246 deg	WeEu	Russian	Radio	Belarus

Videos:

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/08/wrmi-okeechobee-wants-reports->

for-11730.html

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Equipment: Sony ICF-2001D 30 m. long wire, dxldyg via DXLD)

WRMI Okeechobee is 24/7 on the frequency 15770 as follows:

0000-2100 on 15770 YFR 100 kW / 044 deg to WeEu English Brother Stair

2100-2200 on 15770 YFR 100 kW / 044 deg to WeEu Various WRMI programs

2200-2400 on 15770 YFR 100 kW / 044 deg to WeEu English Brother Stair

Co-channel on this frequency only from All India Radio

0400-0430 on 15770 DEL 250 kW / 282 deg to WeAs Farsi

0430-0530 on 15770 DEL 250 kW / 282 deg to N/ME Arabic, video Aug.13

0845-0945 on 15770 ALG 250 kW / 132 deg to SEAs Indonesian

1115-1215 on 15770 ALG 250 kW / 132 deg to SEAs Tamil

1215-1245 on 15770 ALG 250 kW / 132 deg to SEAs Telugu

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/08/wrmi-okeechobee-247-on-15770.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

Brother Stair in English via Okeechobee and NHK in French via Issoudun at 0559 Aug 13 on 11730

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1vJEIR9bbQI&feature=youtu.be>

Brother Stair in English via Okeechobee and VOTurkey in Azeri via

Emerler at 0701 Aug 13 on 11730

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eU3jWAVqyKU&feature=youtu.be>

Brother Stair in English to WeEu via Okeechobee 0443 on 11730, 15770 over AIR Arabic

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YuQpe-7u550&feature=youtu.be>

(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

** U S A. 2 Aug: 15420, WBCQ, 2154 with continuous WBCQ IS reel, 24222 (Zacharias Liangas, Using HF150, 20 m of wire in the area nearby to Fourka Chalkidiki, Greece, without WiFi; Typed with tablet used secretly very late nights to avoid daughter's intrusion or misuse, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

That was a Saturday, once running later on 15420? (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. 3185, WWRB, Manchester TN (presumed); 0151-0203+, 10-Aug; Screaming huxter, sounded like glossalalia at times; broke into laughter briefly -- maybe had a flash about his faithful flock. 1 sesquiminute of DA at 0200, into "Blue Grass Gospel Hour right here on int'l shortwave." SIO=4+53 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 7505.4ish, WRNO New Orleans with pop & Jesus pop music & IDs dropped in at the ToH 0300 and at 0331. There is still some hum in their modulation, but it is head & shoulders better than it was

earlier in the year without any trace of FM-y mush that was there. Now if they could just figure out how to make money without resorting to Bible bumper whackadoodles. Music and occasional IDs until off abruptly without announcements. 5554+4+, 0300-0401* 14/Aug (Ken Zichi, Williamston MI, MARE Tipsheet 15 Aug via DXLD)

But, but, WRNO is *owned* now by Bbw`s (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. 5085, Aug 8 before 0100, WTWW-2 is not on, but bandscanning on up, by the time I get to 9930 at 0108, day frequency is not on either; rechecking 5085, now it`s on, so must have QSYed circa 0100 instead of usual(?) 0000. After 0100, WTWW-1 still on 9475 with PPP, and WTWW-2 still on 12105 with another PPP (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 12105, Aug 9 at 1355, big open carrier, still at 1404, must be WTWW-3, but normally not on until 1700. See also SOUTH CAROLINA [non]

12105, Aug 11 at 1926 I find open carrier/dead air from WTWW-3 instead of Bibling; I leave a receiver on this and find there is still no modulation past 2115 when I quit monitoring. No one minding the store, wasting countless kWh! While the juice I expend on monitoring this is negligible.

12105, Aug 12 at 0542, I find that WTWW-3 is still on and propagating, and now modulating too with something new: English programming not // 5830 or 5085, and obviously not Bible Worldwide either. Guest on phone does most of the talking, about an ``occult, ultraviolet place``. Turns out to be Trey Smith, who has made a long video on YouTube about Noah to try to prove there really was a worldwide flood. Something about god in a nutshell (hmmm).

0550 program break at odd time, as `Radio Disclosure`, and canned Ted Randall ID for WTWW. It seems Ted is intimately involved with this nonsense, linked by name from the Radio Disclosure website, which is hosted by his wife`s web company. But the Ted page is blank. The site also says ``Check for radio stations in your area. Radio Disclosure is heard on International Shortwave Radio worldwide`` --- but no details about any of them.

12105, Aug 13 at 1927, WTWW-3 Bibling a begat-list, but in Spanish as ``hijo de, hijo de,`` etc. 1928 break for ID in English by Ted. Only poor-fair signal, while neighbor 12160 WWCN is blasting in (also on 13845, and good enough on 15825), so I conclude WTWW-3 must be running much reduced power (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. EWTN LOOKS TO BRANCH OUT WITH NEWSROOM ON CAMPUS OF FORMER

CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL --- U.S. News --- Catholic Network Sets Up
California Base By Tamara Audi, Updated Aug. 10, 2014 9:08 p.m. ET

Christ Cathedral in California, formerly Crystal Cathedral, is closed for a \$29 million renovation to transform it into a Catholic place of worship. Kendrick Brinson for The Wall Street Journal [caption]

GARDEN GROVE, Calif. -- The lights and cameras quietly disappeared last year from the soaring glass sanctuary where, for more than three decades before his church went bankrupt, the televangelist Rev. Robert H. Schuller won a global following for his sermons and lavish productions.

Now, a Catholic television network is resurrecting the site's broadcast tradition as the church is transformed from a pioneering Protestant ministry into a Roman Catholic cathedral.

Alabama-based EWTN Global Catholic Network, which broadcasts in more than 140 countries, is building a newsroom on the campus of the former Crystal Cathedral--now called Christ Cathedral. The move underscores the growth of Catholicism in the western U.S., as well as the efforts of the church to make the re-christened structure a center of Catholic culture on the West Coast.

"The church is alive and growing in Southern California, and the diversity there is important to us," said EWTN Chief Executive Michael Warsaw, adding that the location will help create programming for its Spanish-language stations. The donor-funded network, which was founded by a cloistered nun named Mother Angelica and launched in 1981, will also be able to more directly tap West Coast supporters, he said.

There are more than 75 million Catholics in the U.S., constituting 24% of the population, according to a 2010 study from the Pew Research Center. In Orange County, a sprawling territory southeast of Los Angeles that is home to Disneyland, Catholicism is gaining ground, even as it withers in older dioceses on the East Coast and in the Midwest. The number of Catholics in the county surged to 1.3 million in 2014 from 595,101 in 1996, according to the Official Catholic Directory.

Straining for space and in need of a central location, the Diocese of Orange purchased the former Crystal Cathedral out of bankruptcy for \$58 million in 2011 and took over the campus last year. The "Hour of Power," the broadcast Rev. Schuller started in 1970, is now hosted by his grandson, who broadcasts from a smaller church a mile away.

The diocese plans to spend about \$53 million or more to renovate the 34-acre campus, which features seven buildings. One, by Richard Meier,

who designed the Getty Center museum in Los Angeles, appeared as Starfleet Command in the 2013 film "Star Trek: Into Darkness."

On Sundays, the campus holds 10 masses in languages including English, Spanish and Vietnamese. It hosts movie nights and live concerts on its vast lawn; recently, Chef Pascal Olhats hosted a pop-up restaurant. "It's beginning to grow into a live community of faith," said Bishop of Orange Kevin Vann, who will likely appear on EWTN programs, which will include broadcasts of special events and masses at the cathedral. "It's a point of unity."

On a recent day, the campus was buzzing with construction, even as visitors toured the grounds. "Disney donated those bells," said docent Mary Susa, pointing out a cluster of golden bells affixed to one tower. "But they're plastic and they don't ring."

A group of Chinese children in the U.S. for summer camp snapped photos in front of a larger-than-life statue of Moses with the Ten Commandments. Workers have shut off the gas line that once made an artificial bush nearby appear to burn; it had corroded, said diocese officials.

Visitors pressed their faces against glass windows of the main sanctuary, closed for renovations. The 78,379-square-foot space is mostly gutted. Pews will replace theater-style seating, air conditioning will be installed and a Catholic altar built.

In remaking the campus, officials have sometimes walked a fine line between preservation and progress. Former Crystal Cathedral members were upset to learn that the diocese plans to remove nearly all of the 1,800 inscribed walkway stones that were purchased to memorialize loved ones. The stones will be moved to a new garden space or returned to owners who request them, according to Ryan Lilyengren, a spokesman for the diocese.

EWTN had considered other western locations for its broadcast facility, but Rev. Schuller's legacy--a church with dramatic indoor and outdoor spaces -- "absolutely helped make this the right fit for us," EWTN's Mr. Warsaw said. It helped, too, that Rev. Schuller gave his blessing for such a collaboration when they met last year at a Catholic conference.

Rev. Schuller's daughter, Carol Schuller Milner, said her father supports the Catholics' efforts. "He felt the Catholic Church would take good care of the grounds," she said. "He wanted it to be full of life and hope again."

Rev. Schuller retired in 2010. Last week, the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court

of Appeals denied his claim for millions of dollars he said he is owed by his former church. The 87-year-old is living in a nursing facility, according to Ms. Milner, and he has responded well to treatment for cancer.

Diocese officials say Rev. Schuller still has keys to an office and library on campus and will have access for the rest of his life.
(WSJ via Mike Cooper, WORLD OF RADIO 1734, DXLD)

** U S A. 690, Aug 11 at 0606 UT, open carrier/dead air from KGGF Coffeyville KS per DF; still signs off slightly after local midnight 0500 UT with rotating patriotic tunes and Taps (except for late baseball games), but not necessarily cutting the carrier (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 750, August 7 at 0559 UT, Spanish from KAMA El Paso TX is still cheating, overcoming the clear channel station entitled to be heard even here, WSB Atlanta GA; giving phone (?)522-1235 for Univisi n Am rica call-ins (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1680, Aug 8 at 0606 UT, ``16-80, KGED`` ID audible amid storm crashes, but fades in stronger at 0607 UT resuming financial advice show. Fresno CA, with nothing to impede it between here and there. Opposite direxion and slightly closer however, is station with equal 1 kW ND, WOKB Winter Garden FL, which I've yet to hear, also with nothing in between. Maybe it's the fast SAH sometimes against KGED, if not WPRR MI (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. TIS update from the road - CA/AZ/NM/CO/UT/NV/CA in June
Here are some notes on TIS and HAR stations from my road trip in June:

San Diego to Flagstaff:

1610, Calexico border crossing station is still on with English and Spanish, getting out well.

1610, Sky Harbor Airport Phoenix is getting out well, noted midday at the opposite end of the Phoenix metro area.

Flagstaff:

1610 and 1680, at NAU are both still off.
1620, Walnut Canyon is on but not getting out like they used to.
1650, Fox Sports pirate is still getting out well. They have been on for about a decade.

Flagstaff to Farmington, NM:

1610, WQDF361 "Meteor Crater Radio" near Winslow, AZ is still getting out well. I'm still not sure if there are two stations. The station(s) can be heard for about 30 miles along I-40. Not getting out as well as last year, but still logged from Ouray CO the next night.

1610, KOP734 Petrified Forest NP I-40 exit 311 gets out well.

There are no TIS stations in the Aztec-Farmington area. I believe there was a 530 here in the 1990s.

Farmington, NM to Ouray, CO:

1610, KID761 Dolores, CO has been gone for many years.

1610, KAF727 Mesa Verde NP is getting out well. The station was very loud as we drove through Mancos.

Ouray, CO:

1610, KKF732 Capulin Volcano NM gets out well at night. Message begins "Welcome to New Mexico, the Land of Enchantment. "

Ouray, CO to Price, UT:

1610, Price UT college station is off.

Price, UT to NV/UT border:

No updates.

NV/UT border to Reno:

530, Ely, NV was running an announcement stating that the station is off the air! Huh? They were also mis-IDing as WPBY836 Carson City.

1610, Ely, NV White Pine HS station is off.

Reno:

580, WQDN319 Carson City old 530 station has moved here.

1150, Washoe County TIS is off.

1610/1630, airport TIS is off.

1630, Spanish religious pirate is here now.

1670, WQRF764 new station for University of Nevada is testing, ex-1700

1680, Spanish religious pirate "Radio Amor" from Iglesia Cristiana Emanuel.

Reno to Modesto via I-80 and CA-99:

1700, WPXY385 North Star radio is on and getting out well.

1610, First HAR sign on I-80 west was for 1610. No station noted.

1670, Several signs noted for 1670 along I-80. Only WPWD235 near exit 140 was on.

1580, HAR sign noted near Auburn. Station was not on.

530, Roseville City TIS got out pretty well.

1700, Manteca CA Part 15 station was off.

1670, Sign on CA-99 at MM 255 near Stockton, but no station was on.

1680, WQPD320 Port of Stockton new station is on with woman reading contact information fr the port offices.

Modesto to Visalia via Kings Canyon/Sequoia NP:

Several signs for 1610 noted along CA-99, but no stations were on.

1610, Squaw Valley CA Information for Kings Canyon and Sequoia National Park.

1610, KPB748 Three Rivers CA Information for Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Park. Not the same message as Squaw Valley.

Visalia to San Diego:

530, UNID near I-5 / CA-99 junction. Message included many phone numbers with 821 prefix which points to Tehachapi.

1610, Lancaster CA. Signs up on CA-14, no station was on.

530, Palmdale CA. Signs up on CA-14, no station was on.

1610, "Four Points Radio" broadcasting 60s/70s oldies from the Four Points Swap Meet in Palmdale. 73 (Tim Hall, Aug 9, ABDX via DXLD)

** U S A. [Re DXLD 14-28 and 14-30:] 92.9: I take it all back

<http://eagle929online.com/#&panel1-2>

Atlanta's NASCAR coverage seems more so to be on WGST/640. 73z ñ (GREG HARDISON, Aug 10, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Greg, This 92.9 linked is in Florence SC, not Atlanta --- (Glenn to Greg via DXLD)

Glenn: -- Yep -- That's what I think you heard, Florence, not Atlanta -- G H (Greg to Glenn, ibid.)

Looks country musical to me; O, now I see it, their NASCAR page:

<http://eagle929online.com/nascar/>

Would you believe the call letters of Eagle 929 are nowhere to be seen? WTFDA DB knows: WEGX, 100/100 kW, COL really Dillon SC. Both are in eastern SC, Dillon only a few miles from NC border (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. I have a bone to pick with certain documentaries shown on

PBS, such as POV --- I'm trying to watch the one about a Sichuan earthquake; besides convenient time-shifting, when a show is in a foreign language with captions, I always try to tape it as I may need to back up or freeze-frame to read the captions. Otherwise, undivided attention is required with eyes constantly on the screen. But this one turns out to have captions so tiny that I cannot or can barely make them out! Don't the docu producers realize that many will be attempting to watch on a small TV screen? Furthermore, closed-captioning in the usual font makes no attempt to reproduce the English version legibly. Freeze-framing further reduces the resolution. If they were legible, it would still be a challenge to read them at the speed they flash by. Besides the tiny font, legibility is further hindered by the constantly shifting background --- if it's dark, the lite letters are more legible; there is no black background along with the open captions. Not everyone has a huge HD TV on the wall! Furthermore, the constant OETA bug in the corner sometimes interferes with the tiny open English captions (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. CBS Moving from WISH to WTTV (WTTK) in 2015 (Indy)

Apparently if you don't settle with CBS, they WILL move your network affiliation to another local station.

<http://www.indystar.com/story/entertainment/movies/2014/08/11/wttv-cbs-indianapolis-network-shift-wish-fox59/13893289/>
<https://tv.yahoo.com/news/cbs-hardball-move-indianapolis-draws-wall-street-attention-225618902.html>

(Steve Rich, Indianapolis, IN, Aug 12, WTFDA via DXLD) Viz IndyStar:

For Central Indiana TV viewers, the news Monday that WISH-8 will lose its longtime CBS network affiliation was as jolting as if Washington Street were being renamed.

WISH has been the home of The Eye, as the CBS logo is known, for 58 years. And the change marks the first time a network TV station like WISH has been left without a major network affiliation in Indianapolis since the days of rabbit-ear antennas in the 1950s.

"It's startling, to say the least," said Tom Cochrun, a retired former news director at WISH. "It's not something you would ever have anticipated."

CBS Corp. said it's switching its network programming from WISH to the Tribune Broadcasting-owned WTTV-4 on Jan. 1.

The switch will make WTTV, the onetime Bloomington-based independent station that now broadcasts a lineup of old sitcoms and other reruns,

a top three Indianapolis station. It will gain CBS programming that includes Indianapolis Colts games, PGA golf including the Masters, the NCAA college basketball tournament, plus top prime-time evening shows such as "NCIS" and "The Big Bang Theory."

The fate of WISH is up in the air. Local management and the station's owner, Lin Media of Austin, Texas, which is being sold to Media General of Richmond, Va., wouldn't comment on the de-affiliation.

WISH's options include finding another notable network with which to affiliate ó an unlikely occurrence ó or going independent. WISH's owner also could opt to sell the station, which ó without a major network affiliation ó would command much less in the market.

"Channel 8 has now been devalued considerably," said David L. Smith, a professor emeritus at Ball State University's Department of Telecommunications.

Industry experts said the sticky issue of network reverse retransmission payments was behind the station switch. WISH's owner had been renegotiating its affiliation contract with CBS and was apparently unwilling to ante up the kind of affiliate payments that CBS demanded, according to several industry sources.

"Lin was kind of playing hardball on how much they were willing to pay and perhaps did not take seriously" CBS' demands, said Rick Gevers, an Indianapolis agent for on-air TV talent.

In the past, networks would pay local affiliates to broadcast their national programming. Instances of networks switching to another station were rare, Cochrun said.

But "we're now in a digital age where people are watching on demand in their own time. Those old models just don't have the same clout they used to," he said.

Networks are demanding that affiliates pay more for expensive national programming. The fees are coming out of increasing payments that affiliate stations receive from cable companies. "They're asking for more money (from affiliates) every year," Smith said.

"They're fighting over pretty good revenue," said Kevin Finch, a former Indianapolis TV news director who teaches journalism at Washington & Lee University in Virginia.

He said he thinks CBS is using WISH as an example to other local TV stations of what might happen if they resist CBS' demands for higher reverse retransmission payments.

Tribune Broadcasting President Larry Wert said Channel 4 will get its own news team. That could cost several million dollars a year to build and operate in a TV market the size of Indianapolis, the nation's 26th largest.

Tribune also owns the Fox network-affiliated WXIN (Fox 59) in Indianapolis but isn't likely to tap its newsroom for news programming to put on WTTV, he said (via DXLD)

CBSí HARDBALL MOVE IN INDIANAPOLIS DRAWS WALL STREETíS ATTENTION.

By Cynthia Littleton August 11, 2014 3:56 PM

Wall Streeters typically don't pay much attention to station maneuvers in TV markets below the top 10, but word of CBSí plan to switch affiliates in Indianapolis caused a stir among broadcast-focused investors on Monday.

The Eye plans to shift from its longtime home on Lin Media's WISH-TV to Tribune-owned WTTV-TV as of Jan. 1. The reason boils down to dollars and cents: Lin and CBS had been renegotiating an affiliation agreement but were not coming to terms on reverse retransmission consent fee payments. Those are the fees that station affiliates now pay networks in exchange for receiving the sports and primetime programming that allow local stations to command significant retrans coin from local MVPDs.

Tribune's WTTV agreed to CBSí terms, and so CBS will be moving to channel 4 in the nation's 26th-largest market after decades on channel 8. The move will displace the CW, which is a CBS-Warner Bros. joint venture, from the mothership WTTV to its digital multicast channel, WTTV 4.2.

CBSí willingness to shuffle in Indianapolis sends a clear message to other affiliates that are facing renewal negotiations. CBS has repeatedly promised Wall Street that its revenue from retrans coin earned from MVPDs by its O&Os and reverse retrans comp from station affils will reach \$1 billion by 2017 and \$2 billion by 2020.

The Indianapolis deal, even coming at the expense of the CW, was read by Wall Street as proof that CBS intends to use its muscle with MVPDs and affils to hit those targets. The Eye's campaign will likely put pressure on the bottom lines of some of the mega-station groups that have been cobbled together in the merger mania of the past few years.

After announcing the Indianapolis deal, CBS shares climbed 95 cents, or 1.6%, to close at \$60.18 on Thursday. Lin's stock fell 91 cents, or 3.7%, to close at \$23.81.

The PR around this deal suggests that this is a signal from CBS to its affiliate body that it wants what it considers to be "fair value" — we don't get the sense that CBS necessarily wants a repeat of this situation in other markets," wrote Wells Fargo Securities senior analyst Marci Ryvicker in a note Monday.

David Bank of RBC Capital Markets sees potential for CBS to exceed its own ambitious target by 2020. "If CBS is willing to flex its muscles in reverse comp discussions, it's possible we could see upside to long-term retrans/reverse comp total targets of (\$2 billion) by 2020," Bank wrote. And the eagerness of Tribune to step up reinforces that station owners have to bank on the lure of top-tier content to bring in advertising dollars and retrans. Tribune was especially eager to access CBS's NFL package, which includes the hometown Indianapolis Colts.

At the end of the day, in many markets, we think if a local affiliate balks at CBS's demands, the affiliate must recognize that other stations might step up to take over the affiliation at less attractive terms and content has the leverage," Bank wrote.

Wall Streeters are also curious about CBS's formula for determining its reverse retrans terms with affils. Sources say it's a complicated process, not a one-size-fits-all fee or percentage, that takes into account the station's ratings performance and the total value of its retrans haul from MVPDs.

CBS Corp. chief Leslie Moonves addressed the issue during the Eye's second quarter earnings call on Aug. 7. He noted that reverse retrans is no longer rooted in a simple 50-50 split.

"We actually are now calling it a program fee, which is a more appropriate term to acknowledge that. And that 50-50 no longer is even a base that we use. We decide what we think is fair," Moonves said. "It generally is higher than the 50% number. And we negotiate on that basis. In looking at the station groups, they are all doing very well and they are doing well primarily because of network programming both in primetime and in sports. So we feel it's a fair proposition for both sides."

Moonves's definition of "fair" may have been opaque, but it has been answered by market forces in Indianapolis. Undoubtedly, CBS's affils have taken notice.

Lin Media itself has 10 more CBS affiliates in its group, some of which are coming up for affiliation renewals soon. A rep for Lin did not return calls seeking comment on Monday (via DXLD)

This is SHocking News!!!! Who would ever thought that WTTV would lose its independence. Course wasn't WTTV either The CW, or MYTV? I'm sure WISH will pick up one of those networks (John L., Franklin, WI, ibid.)

WTTV was CW. It will move to 4.2. Tribune is closely tied to the CW network and won't give it up (Scott Fybush, NY, Aug 12, ibid.)

I have spent all but two of my sixty years in the Indianapolis DMA and WISH has always been WISH and CBS, at least that I can remember! I still haven't gotten over when ABC and NBC swapped local affiliates here in 1979. I guess it's much ado about very little in these days (Mike G., Lebanon, IN, Aug 13, Sent from my iPad, ibid.)

It's actually making a pretty big stir in TV business circles at the moment. Networks have tended to be fairly loyal to longtime affiliates, which makes sense when you think about it - it doesn't usually serve a network well when viewers are confused about where to find it on their dials.

But the TV business is in such turmoil right now that a lot of those old relationships are fraying. CBS knows that within a few years, as many people will be watching its shows on CBS.com or Hulu as on their local OTA affiliate, so they're more willing to disrupt those longstanding relationships now if there's a deal to be done.

In this particular case, CBS wanted to retain its long relationship with other CBS affiliates within the Tribune group, and Tribune basically went to CBS and said "give us Indianapolis and you can keep the rest, too."

And for the record: WISH actually started as a basic ABC affiliate in 1954. CBS was already tied to the first station in town, WFBM-TV 6, and NBC's primary was with WTTV. WISH grabbed CBS from 6 in 1956 and never looked back. s (Scott Fybush, ibid.)

** U S A. So much for the amplitude-modulated youth audience. Radio Disney is selling all but one of its AM stations.

RADIO DISNEY TO SELL MOST RADIO STATIONS

<http://www.radioworld.com/article/radio-disney-to-sell-most-radio-stations-heres-the-list/271800>

(via Kim Elliott, dxldyg via DXLD)

Radio Disney to Sell 23 Stations, Lay Off Nearly 200 - TheWrap

<http://www.thewrap.com/radio-disney-to-sell-23-stations-lay-off-nearly-200/>

The company will hold on to its flagship station KDIS-AM 1110 in Los

Angeles

Radio Disney will be selling 23 of its 24 radio stations across the United States, effective Sept. 26. As part of the changes, 184 positions (about eight per unloaded station) will be eliminated at the local level and in ad sales and operations.

The company will be keeping its flagship station and studio, KDIS-AM 1110 in Los Angeles, which will drive its national network programming and provide content to partners moving forward. Its operations will be picked up by the national team.

The sell-off of stations won't affect Radio Disney's international partners in Latin America, Canada and Russia.

See video: Radio Disney Music Awards Voting Begins: Who's Your Favorite Band & Breakout Star? (Exclusive)

The company says the move will allow it to invest in more digital and multi-platform stations as recent data shows that only 18 percent of Radio Disney listeners receive its content via the radio broadcasts.

iRadio Disney will be increasing investment in both digital distribution platforms and music-centric programming,î Radio Disney's General Manager, Phil Guerini, said in a memo to staff obtained by TheWrap.

He continued, iThese decisions will optimize Radio Disney for long-term growth and better reflect the habits of the consumers we serve ó a national audience of kids and families.î

Also read: ëX Factor'sí Fifth Harmony to Perform on Radio Disney's ëN.B.T.í Relaunch

In addition to its 12-year partnership with SiriusXM, the memo lists new partnerships with ShowMobile, Slacker and Harman's Aha Radio and TuneIn. Also, as of July 1, the company entered into a syndication deal with Dee's Entertainment that provides its Radio Disney Top 30 to multiple U.S. stations.

Aside from being available on the WATCH Disney Channel app, the company intends to grow its popular Radio Disney App for iPhone, iPad and Android.

It also intends to invest in new multi-platform extensions of Radio Disney's programming, including talent competition Radio Disney's Next Big Thing (N.B.T.) and the Radio Disney Music Awards (RDMAs), which beat the iMTV Video Music Awards,î iBillboard Music Awardsî and

Radio Disney's youth demographics, including Kids 2-11, Kids 6-11 and Tweens 9-14 for April 2014. It also beat the Grammy Awards among Kids 2-11 and Kids 6-11.

Also read: "Girl Meets World" Renewed by Disney Channel

The following statement was released by a Radio Disney spokesperson regarding the intended station sales:

Radio Disney will increase its investment in both digital distribution platforms and music-centric programming to optimize the network for long-term growth and to better reflect the habits of its listeners, a national audience of kids and families.

Read the full memo to staff from Guerini below:

August 13, 2014

Dear Colleagues,

Across all forms of media, digital technology continues to dramatically change consumer habits — from the iPad, mobile devices and the push of connected devices into the home — and these changes compel us to evaluate and evolve our businesses. Today, we're announcing meaningful changes to our Radio Disney business.

Radio Disney will be increasing investment in both digital distribution platforms and music-centric programming. These decisions will optimize Radio Disney for long-term growth and better reflect the habits of the consumers we serve — a national audience of kids and families. We are partnering with the most popular digital radio services including our distribution partner of over 12 years, SiriusXM, and the newly forged agreements with ShowMobile, Slacker and Harman's Aha Radio. We also have our fast growing Radio Disney App for iPhone, iPad and Android, our WATCH Disney Channel partnership and our Top 30 syndication partnership that's building across the U.S. We will also be exploring new digital extensions of Radio Disney's programming, including the Radio Disney Music Awards and Radio Disney's Next Big Thing (N.B.T.).

As part of this investment shift, at the end of September, we will be selling 23 of our 24 local radio stations, retaining KDIS-AM Los Angeles to originate Radio Disney's national network programming. The operations of the Los Angeles station will be picked up by the national team.

These changes will result in the elimination of some positions, adjustments to other roles and the addition of some new positions.

Today and tomorrow, we will be talking individually to those directly affected. Please know that we approached this decision with care and rigor and will provide transition support to those who will be departing the organization.

I have always been impressed with the dedication and camaraderie of the people at the Radio Disney network and local stations. Thanks to that teamwork, Radio Disney leads the radio industry in delivering age-appropriate music and entertainment for kids and families. As we wish our colleagues all the best, we remain committed to continuing the momentum.

Sincerely, Phil (all via Kevin Redding, Aug 13, ABDX via DXLD)

> Word on Radio Insight is that all of them will.

Not exactly. They'll go silent *if* there's not a buyer in place to take over right away, and it appears that some of them, at least, already have suitors. s (Scott Fybush, WTFDA via DXLD)

Although many on this forum may disagree, this is a bit sad to see as Radio Disney affiliates at least brought a Top 40/Pop music format to the AM band. The possible good news out of this is may be when the stations are sold off, the new owners will finally drop HD (IBOC) Radio system from their stations. A good majority of the stations that Radio Disney currently owns are running HD Radio (Harry Smith, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RADIO DISNEY TO PULL THE PLUG:

<http://www.radioworld.com/article/radio-disney-to-sell-most-radio-stations-heres-the-list/271800>

Apparently the house the Mouse built has decided to sell all but one of its radio stations. Instead of throwing RF around, they are now planning on 'focusing more on digital distribution' because "changing consumer media consumption habits "compel us to evaluate and evolve our business" according to the people in charge of mousecasting.

If this doesn't sound familiar, you haven't been paying attention to what International broadcasters have been saying lately! In other words, Disney is saying "since kids don't listen to the radio any more, we're going to be on Pandora and pay-per-kilobyte digital sources. Since kids think radio is only used in the car, and it doesn't work on their phone -- and kids can't be more than 10 inches away from their phones without getting antsy, and they don't want to carry more than one thing you know -- we'll just have to charge them to listen. And apparently people are OK with that! (Ken Zichi, MI, MARE Tipsheet via DXLD)

No more annoying perkiness?! Maybe Brother Stair will buy them all up. Radio Dismal (Ed. Harold Frodge, ibid.)

** UZBEKISTAN. V of Martyrs in Korean to N Korea, 1656 Aug 11 on new 7530 Tashkent, weak signal on 2nd harmonic 15060
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oN6DmlpoXLA&feature=youtu.be>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) See KOREA NORTH

** VANUATU [or non]. Vila not observed on 3945 8/8 0830 and only spasmodic on 7260 with weak signal, generally from 0700. Unable to trace mediumwave outlets (1125, 1179) despite several checks, even when Pacific island states were "in" (Craig Seager, Berry Creek, NT (Perseus, EWE), Aug 9, Sent from my iPad, ARDXC mailing list via WORLD OF RADIO 1734, DXLD)

** VATICAN. Vatican Radio, Angelus on Sun, Aug. 10
1000-1030 on 7250 SMG 100 kW / 330 deg to CeEu
1000-1030 on 15595 SMG 250 kW / 319 deg to WeEu
1000-1030 on 11740 SMG 100 kW / 310 deg to WeEu
1000-1030 on 11740 SMG 250 kW / 019 deg to EaEu
1000-1030 on 21560 SMG 250 kW / 113 deg to N/ME
1000-1030 on 21560 SMG 250 kW / 223 deg to WeAf
1000-1030 on 21560 SMG 250 kW / 185 deg to CeAf
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/08/vatican-radio-angelus-on-sun-aug10.html>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #866 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, August 12, 2014 via DXLD)

** VIETNAM. 9430.1, Aug 3, 2000, V. of Vietnam, via Dhabayya UAE, German news, fair. Buoni ascolti estivi! (Giampiero Bernardini, Italy, Drake R7, Perseus, playdx yg via DXLD) Both lax frequency control (gh)

** YEMEN. Radio Sana'a back on shortwave again after Ramazan break:
1800-1900 6135 ALH 050 kW / non-dir N/ME English. Videos on Aug. 5/6
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/08/radio-sanaa-in-english-was-back-on.html>

Extended transmission of Radio Sana'a on August 7:
1505-1635 6135 ALH 050 kW / non-dir N/ME Arabic. Weak signal till 1555. This evening no broadcast in English 1800-1900 UT. Videos on Aug. 7:
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/08/extended-transmission-of-radio-sanaa-in.html>

Surprisingly transmission of Radio Sana'a in English 1803-1820 UT on Aug. 8 on 6135 ALH 050 kW / non-dir to N/ME, off around 1820. Video
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/08/radio-sanaa-in-english-on-august-8-only.html>

Two videos from Aug 11, normal transmission from 1800 to 1900 on 6135:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1M441Hi_cUs&feature=youtu.be
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W2hFCzoKyIg&feature=youtu.be>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #866 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, August 12, 2014 via DXLD)

** ZAMBIA. Receptions of Zambia NBC Radio 1 on Aug. 6/7, QRM jamming vs VOA Korean from 2000 on 5915 LUS 100 kW / non-dir to SoAf, Local language. Two videos:
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/08/zambia-nbc-radio-1-on-aug67-with.html>
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/08/dx-re-mix-news-866.html>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #866 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, August 12, 2014 via DXLD)

** ZIMBABWE [non]. [RE 14-32:] SW Radio Africa: The announcement of their complete closure, posted Aug 4, and the follow-up from Aug 5 are no longer accessible. Due to their use of Cloudflare it remains unclear for the moment whether they tried to depublicize a rash closure announcement (somehow found some cash during the last days?) or have already started to kill the whole thing (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Aug 10, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CBC reporting about SW Radio Africa --- in program As it Happens on 6160 kHz following the news at 2200 UT. 73 (Harald Kuhl, Germany, Aug 11, BDXC_UK yg via DXLD) I suppose one may pull this out of an archive later? (gh, DXLD)

CLOSED ZIMBABWE EXILE RADIO SAYS OPPOSITION DISARRAY LED TO "DONOR FATIGUE" | Text of report by London-based Zimbabwean news site New Zimbabwe on 11 August

Management at the UK-based SW Radio Africa has blamed disarray in the opposition MDC-T party for the closure of the London-based broadcaster which has been forced to shut down due to lack of funding.

In a statement, founder and manager, Gerry Jackson said: "It is with regret that SW Radio announces that it is closing down.

"We hope that one day Zimbabwe finally has a government who understands that its sole responsibility is to ensure a safe, healthy, prosperous life for every man, woman and child in the country."

Established in 2001, the donor-funded station angered President Robert Mugabe and his Zanu PF party with its nightly shortwave broadcasts into Zimbabwe so much that the veteran leader demanded its closure as a condition for implementing reforms agreed with the opposition.

So rattled with the news broadcasts was the Harare regime that police and pro-Zanu PF militants were occasionally dispatched to seize

shortwave radio receivers from villagers in the country's rural districts.

Mugabe claimed that SW Radio Africa, along with the Zimbabwe service of Voice of America, were part of attempts by the West to kick him out of office and force regime change in the country.

Jackson told the Washington Times newspaper that the project was established - with US support - to help break Zanu PF's stranglehold on broadcasting in Zimbabwe.

But SW Radio Africa has announced it is shutting down, saying donors were no longer keen to support the project.

"It was a US State [Department] agency that gave us seed money to break what was then a stranglehold on radio. Although, technically, the Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation (ZBC) is a national asset, it is run by Zanu PF," Jackson was reported as saying.

However, the length of the crisis in Zimbabwe "led to donor fatigue", she added, and recent appeals for funding allowed SW Radio Africa to operate only on a month-to-month basis.

By July, it became clear that no more funds would be available and the station was forced to close down.

Jackson however told the BBC that the "massive disarray" in the opposition MDC, had contributed to "donor fatigue" while moves by the European Union to re-engage Mugabe had not helped.

The MDC-T has been critically weakened by another split in the wake of its landslide election defeat last year after party leader Morgan Tsvangirai, at the helm since 1999, refused to step down.

Disgruntled key figures including secretary general and former finance minister Tendai Biti have since gone their separate ways and are in the process of forming another political party, a repeat of the 2005 split when then secretary general Welshman Ncube also left.

London-based pro-democracy group, Zimbabwe Vigil, lamented the closure of SW Radio Africa and criticized the UK's Department for International Development (DFID) for rejecting entreaties to support the station.

"This weekend marks the end of SW Radio Africa which has been broadcasting high quality journalism to Zimbabwe for thirteen years," Zim Vigil said in a statement.

"Coming at a time when the independent press at home is facing a growing financial squeeze, the Vigil believes the loss of this voice is a tragic blow to democracy.

"Supporting a peaceful democratic transition is proclaimed as one of the main objectives for Zimbabwe of the UK's Department for International Development, which must have given our country well over a billion dollars of aid during the lifetime of SW Radio Africa.

"It's a pity DFID didn't see fit to provide money to keep the radio station going as it filled the prescription for this."

Jackson established the station in London after an attempt to set up in Zimbabwe was blocked by the government.

"I used the Supreme Court to confirm there was no law to stop anyone from launching a radio service in Zimbabwe," she recalled. "But when we started broadcasting, armed paramilitary broke down the door and seized our equipment."

Notoriously uncomfortable with criticism, Mugabe's government has shut opposition voices out of the airwaves through its control of the ZBC - for years the country's sole broadcaster.

Under the coalition government, the opposition parties pressed for media reforms aimed at opening the sector up to private players but the wily Zanu PF responded by licensing operators run by its loyalists.

One of the two national radio licences was awarded to Zimpapers - which is majority owned by the government - while the other one was handed to a company controlled by Zanu PF MP and deputy information minister Supa Mandiwanzira. Source: New Zimbabwe, London, in English 11 Aug 14 (via BBCM via WORLD OF RADIO 1734, DXLD)

** ZIMBABWE [non]. CLANDESTINE: Radio Dialogue FM:
1600-1700 on 12105 MDC 250 kW / 265 deg to ZWE English/Shona
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZXq0TncPXy4&feature=youtu.be>
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KE6r_BQjgo0&feature=youtu.be
(DX RE MIX NEWS #866 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, August 12, 2014 via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED [non]. 709.865 UNID MW offset --- 0304 UT: Strong carrier at times favoring the west, but too much t-storm static to pull out any useful audio. Measuring 709.865 and really standing out when listening to 710. Any idea who it is? I don't see anything on the mwoffset list. 73, (Tim Tromp, West Michigan, Perseus SDR + phased BOGs, UT Aug 9, IRCA via DXLD)

Glenn has been reporting XEDP often off channel all summer. I would expect that these guys have been logged by you as the back end of your BOGs aims right at them. Singing ID as "XEDP La Ranchera de Cuauhtēmoc" has been used for many decades. 73 KAZ (Neil Kazaross, IL, ibid.)

Very weak here Tim, "visible" on the Spectran display mostly. Doesn't trouble KIRO at all. It's a fairly erratic signal, but looks like it might null roughly SE of Victoria. best wishes, (Nick Hall-Patch, BC, ibid.)

Thanks - I just read through Glenn's logs, surely this is XEDP and common here during the winter months (on frequency). 73, (Tim Tromp, ibid.)

I figured you had to find them common. Yes, in winter one hop skip tends to get longer by a couple hundred miles (assuming we understand it) and puts them at a distant hop to you. 73 KAZ (Neil Kazaross, ibid.)

UNIDENTIFIED. Hmong chanting on 1670 --- Very distinctive Hmong chanting here briefly on top of channel at 0524 CLYDE. Nothing matches on such a limited selection. Format change for someone? Sincerely, (Todd Skaine, Woodbury, MN, Sony ICF 2010, Superradio 2, Grundig S350 & M400, Toyota car radio, Aug 13, IRCA via DXLD)

Both 1670's in my region of the country appear to still be running their listed formats. KNRO is only 2 miles down the road from me (Paul Walker, Redding CA, ibid.)

Thanks, Paul. Gotta love cellphone auto spellchecker. Just noticed it says CLYDE instead of CLT! Another note is that my car radio tends to overload easy near a transmitter but I was nowhere near 690 or 1600. But I was near the 980 transmitter and I do have to consider that this may have been a mixing product with 690. 690 btw is STILL 24/7. Sincerely, (Todd Skaine, ibid.)

And I was typing on a computer and I still fat fingered the keyboard, oops, lol. I wonder if this is a pirate? (Paul Walker, ibid.)

If this was car radio, I'd consider it to be a mixing product and not worry about it further. 73 KAZ (Neil Kazaross, IL, ibid.)

Todd, were you anywhere near the 980 KKMS tower site? 980 to 690 = 1670. 690 in the area is Hmong. By the way, 1590 over the line in New Richmond, WI was sold and will be flipping from Country to Hmong (Paul Walker, IRCA, via DXLD)

Thanks Paul, Kaz, and Kevin. I think it is my local 690 mixing with 980. I heard it again this afternoon so I think you guys are right. I wouldn't expect a mixing product there but that's what it lines up with up. I have a great car radio except if I'm too close to a transmitter such as WCTS/WREY 1.5 miles from my house then its overload city. I am really sad to hear that WIXK is dropping its old time country format. I also understand that it will help the Hmong community greatly to have another radio station. Sincerely, (Todd Skaine, Woodbury, MN, ABDX via DXLD)

Does the MSP area really need 3 Hmong stations? Is the community that large? (Kaz, ibid.)

Actually, it is. The Hmong were re-settled in Lowell, MA and in Minneapolis sometime after the end of the Vietnam War; totally the wrong places for them, since historically, they were farmers in Laos and Cambodia. Not a lot of farming in either Lowell (an urban setting and a former mill town, about 45 miles from Boston) or Minneapolis. But based on what I've read, the Hmong community in Minneapolis has gradually adapted (as they have in Lowell); and yes, the community in Minneapolis is one of the largest in the US. Still not sure why it needs three stations, however (Donna halper, ibid.)

I can help with why they need 3 stations. 1590 WIXK, very far east metro, is able to serve St. Paul and Minneapolis pretty well but that's during the day only. They do have a good coverage area even to the west side of the metro as well. At night, here in Woodbury, 5 miles from the Wisconsin border, there can't be any skywave in order for me to hear them which makes it impossible to hear at night in St. Paul. 1600 Watertown MN, far west metro has a fairly good signal into St. Paul in the daytime. At night they are buried by Cedar Rapids and Ripon.

690 is supposed to be daytime only but has been cheating with a 24/7 signal for 6 months. This won't last of course for much longer. This makes it into St. Paul at night very well, but the problem remains when the FCC gets around to shutting down 690 the main Hmong population that's in St. Paul will still be without a legitimate full-time powerful signal station. There are 2 Part 15 full-timers on 1610, 1640 and sometimes 1620 on the east side of St. Paul but of course it at night it's also extremely limited. Sincerely, (Todd Skaine, Woodbury, MN, ibid.)

UNIDENTIFIED. 5109.750, strong carrier only 'seen' in 0459-0501 UT Aug 11 slot. Could that be WBCQ The Planet transmit center? (Wolfgang B,schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Yes

UNIDENTIFIED. Spanish-speaking station on 5970.019 kHz --- Picked up a weak carrier on 2014-Aug-10 at 0620 UT. Rapid QSB but with occasional snatches of audio. Male talking in SS. EiBi A14 shows this as R. Itatiaia at this day and time. Anyone else hear this station recently on this frequency or can confirm that this is the ONLY station at this time? I'm currently logging this as a possible/tentative. Perhaps the odd frequency offset might be a clue too. 5970.019 kHz on my Perseus. I'd calibrated it earlier in the day against WWV so I'd say the offset is within a few Hertz of actual. Any help is greatly appreciated! -- 73, (Mark Clark, Reinholds, PA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

R. Itatiaia would be in (Brazilian) Portuguese, not Spanish! I don't know about this hour, but when I hear it earlier it's slightly on the hi side; other reports in July put it on 5970.02 and 5970.03 (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

On July 12: 5970.030 ZYE523 Radio Itatiaia, Belo Horizonte, weak signal. Tuning Perseus center exact alignment reference at this hour against x.000 kHz - zero Hz on 6030 Marti and 6000 RHC, from 07 UT also Marti on 5980.000 kHz. Or Okeechobee and Cypress Creek (Vietnam relay) transmissions in 49mb. 73 wb df5sx

BRAZIL, 5970.029, ZYE523 Radio Itatiaia measured exact at 0430-0440 UT on August 11, aligned correctly against signals of BS via RMI Okeechobee 5950, RHC 6000, AWR French MOS 6155, Cypress Creek Vietnamese 6175 kHz. 73 wb (Wolfgang B_schel, ibid.)

UNIDENTIFIED. 9170, Aug 9 at 0127, find open carrier/dead air, and guess it might be the missing 9965 Cairo transmitter far astray; but immediately blown away by ute blaats, unlike the OTH radars heard earlier (under CYPRUS) but possibly another kind of radar, spreading 9160-9185, and still going at 0140. Meanwhile with BFO on at 0128, I can hear some very weak Spanish 2-way in the middle of it on 9170: they must be having a very hard time hearing each other, and raising their voices doesn't help much (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. Lou Johnson in Atlanta has been complaining about unscheduled QRDRM to WWCR on 9350 until 0000, sometimes audible after WWCR closes. Is that really DRM, and Andernach too? Andernach should at least register its transmissions within the SWBC bands even if the public is not privy to them (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

If this is really DRM, of which I am not convinced, I bet it's R. Andernach, Nauen, Germany (Glenn to Lou, via DXLD)

They're not on there (9350) every night. I know what DRM sounds like. Radio Nederland was testing with it a while back and they made

periodical announcements in English in analog thru out the broadcast.
I downloaded some DRM software called DREAM but I haven't installed it
on a computer yet (Lou KF4RCA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Lou, I'm not usually monitoring at this hour, but today I finally
checked on this. At 2357 extremely strong WWCR on 9350, no sign of
DRM. Once WWCR went off at 2358, still no DRM. Were you hearing it
today Friday/UT Saturday Aug 8-9? VOA and DW have no interest in DRM,
and BBC is losing what interest it had (Glenn to Lou via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 13830, Sat Aug 9 at 0558, noise blob here, sorta DRM?
This frequency is used M-F only by VOA Botswana in French at 0530-
0600, and that has been without such QRM. Also Sun Aug 10 at 0544,
again the noise blob. Unseems to be coming out of 13850 Cairo mess,
nor from 13840 daily French from NHK via Madagascar. Will 13830 still
be blobbing when VOA is back on Monday? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX
LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 15389-USB, Aug 9 at 2112, Spanish 2-way intruders.
15534-USB, Aug 9 at 2134, colloquial Spanish 2-way; one of them
coughing. Maybe moved from 15389 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING
DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 15480.0, Aug 8 at 0119, open carrier, poor with fades.
HFCC, Aoki and EiBI show the only thing scheduled is CNR1 Beijing at
23-13; or maybe Cairo left transmitter on past 0045 end of Arabic to S
America? Aoki excludes that one, maybe a wooden registration anyway.
15480 mystery is adjacent to a JBA carrier on 15475+, no doubt Kuwait,
the latter about one 40-Hz click on the hi side (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX
LISTENING DIGEST)

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Hello Glenn, I randomly tuned in on 15.770 MHz with a MFJ Mag Loop and  
an icom ic 718 radio and picked up your broadcast. Booming signal into  
the Philadelphia area. Very nice show. 73, (K3DY Antoine, 2206 UT Tue  
Aug 12, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Tnx, but WORLD OF RADIO? What time and date? Was not aware of such a broadcast (gh, DXLD)

Re 14-32: ``Hi Glenn - . . . . Is Ron Howard of California, "The Ron Howard" of Opie of television fame? Just curious. . . (Francis k1yi, Aug 4, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

``. . . As far as I know, our Ron Howard is not the same one as the actor/director. I haven't asked him directly, but he never refers to the movie/TV biz. Anyhow he's retired and has a lot of time to DX. . . . (Glenn to Francis, via DXLD)``

Hi Glenn - You are correct. Am not "Opie," nor am I related to him (Ron Howard, CA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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Updated as of August 8:

DX/SWL/Media Programs  
<http://www.worldofradio.com/dxpgms.html>

World of Radio Schedule  
<http://www.worldofradio.com/radioskd.html>

Alan Roe's Hitlist of SWBC Stations  
<http://www.w4uvh.net/hitlist.htm>

CHRIS KADLEC'S DX LINK PAGE

I've always been one to compile a lot of links. I've finally put together my DXing links (110 of them) in some sort of logical order and posted them online. The page is merely a temporary thrown-together draft of sorts right now, but if people have links to add to the list, please do send an e-mail to me. I can add them to the list when I finish up the page and maybe it can help others in the future.

There are a lot of new DXers out there that know practically nothing about the hobby but are eager to learn and even seasoned DXers are often lacking links for things like Es maps or station information. There's plenty out there and it should be shared amongst us.

Please share your DX links that you enjoy or find helpful!  
>> [http://www.beaglebass.com/dx/dx\\_links.htm](http://www.beaglebass.com/dx/dx_links.htm) <<  
(Chris Kadlec, Fremont, Mich., <[beaglebass@beaglebass.com](mailto:beaglebass@beaglebass.com)>, Aug 15, WTFDA via DXLD)

## DISAPPEARING MEDIUM WAVE

MW DX enthusiast Bruce Conti maintains a list of countries that are no longer operating on the medium wave band. Entitled Silent MW Radio Countries, the document was updated just yesterday (Aug 8) and contains a surprising list of countries no longer on the AM broadcast band. I was stunned! Not being a MW Dyer for many years, I had no idea just how much the MW band had changed over the years! Particularly interesting was the absence of African nations that have moved away from MW and onto the FM band. It makes fascinating reading. Check out the list at

<http://www.bamlog.com/darkcountries.htm>

And if you are interested in mediumwave reception, have a look at the rest of Bruce's excellent website at

<http://www.bamlog.com/>

(Mount Evelyn DX Report By Rob Wagner via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

The last active mediumwave outlet in Switzerland was Cima di Dentro 558 kHz, used by Voice of Russia until December 31, 2012. This should be pointed out because there appears to be a trend to always "forget" this outlet when discussing Swiss broadcasting history. To be added is Finland, with 963 kHz being closed on April 15, 2013, when likewise China Radio International did not prolong its transmission contract.

And it should be noted that Iceland and Denmark in fact just moved their AM services (in the European meaning of the term) from mediumwave to longwave for better coverage. It should also be noted that a 100 kW longwave transmitter is still operational in Norway, although in this case only because the transmission contract is still compulsory (I assume they regret the investment in this completely new facility now).

What should finally be noted, too: All that is left in Latvia and Poland are semiprofessional, low-powered transmitters. (But still a high power longwave transmitter is on air in Poland, though.)

And those who are stunned now should check back in five years. It is to be expected that by then a number of further European countries will show up on this list, too (Kai Ludwig, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Thanks for the info. I was wondering about Finland, as it's still listed as active in the July 2014 EMWG. WRTN dropped 558 Switzerland from its listings after 2008, but upon reading your email, with some research I found a website

<http://www.giangrandi.ch/electronics/broadcast/ceneri.html>

detailing the history which indicates the transmitter was turned off

in 2008, then returned on the air in 2011 to carry VOR. Good catch. I'm not tracking long wave stations for now. ñ (Bruce Conti, mwdx yg via DXLD)

Members, Many of you will have seen reference in DXLD to the project run by Bruce Conti to mark all countries which have stopped using LW and MW. The good news is that the list is now available via a new link on this Group website. Purely from a selfish point of view, I have no objection if any other Group member is serving the same purpose as mwmasts but coming at it from a different approach. I am grown-up enough to know that mwmasts and mwlist can co-exist in the DX world.

Bruce has this evening found a very brief reference to Ghana having used or registered 1440 kHz at some time. I thought that I found another reference to there never having been any MW use in Ghana. Further enquiry possibly needed here.

Talking of further enquiry, can any member possibly shed light on whether Liechtenstein used 1 kW or more in 1938 broadcasting on 1429 kHz?

Despite such definite large withdrawals as Russia and potential moves by Brasil to end MW use I can vouch for the fact that many thousand MW stations still broadcast throughout the world. They still provide the best format for reaching mass audiences and with the recent growth in severe weather events (another discussion being aired on DXLD) MW signals are perfectly placed as the preferred station to keep broadcasting when an area is hit by a disaster.

For once I have managed to mark the anniversary of the founding of this Group on the correct day! Over the past 12 months we have grown in many ways as a Group. 12 new members have joined. 231 new messages have been posted, 22 New photos have been uploaded. Large increases in size have occurred in the databases.

I have said so before and been proven wrong but I am now sure that the number of columns is finally settled. Use of many colours has enabled me to highlight 2 of the less obvious categories - Reserve masts and DRM use. The pride of my work is that not only is my project earning approval from many in the industry, but the addition of full technical antenna configuration data has ensured that the databases will over the coming years become a unique record for the whole DX community to refer to.

Over the past week I have been starting to have help from Rick Lucas and Scott Fybush on historical data so that not only am I able to add Reserve masts but I am starting to piece together some quite complex historical moves of transmitter site. This help will balance nicely

the work of Walter Brummer etc in recording details of MW stations from decades ago in the rest of the world.

On the USA project I have already reached 850 kHz. Within the next 7 days I will have entered the final US station on 900 kHz. I will then turn to entering the Brazilian stations on 710 to 900 kHz. There is much still left for me to do. 73's and 88's (Dan Goldfarb, UK, Aug 9, mwmasts yg via DXLD)

I've been researching countries no longer active in the medium wave broadcast band. Currently I'm limiting my research to nations of today, not investigating nations or radio countries that no longer exist due to geopolitical changes. Some unresolved conflicts have been uncovered as follows.

Liechtenstein: Apparently there was a short-lived radio station at 209.9 meters (1429 kHz) during the late 1930's, but its unclear whether or not it was ever on the air.

Burkina Faso: 1008 kHz is listed as active in the July 2014 edition of EMWG, but not listed in 2014 WRTH which indicates only FM. Is this MW station still active?

Guinea: 1386 kHz is listed as active in the July 2014 edition of EMWG, but not listed in the National section of 2014 WRTH although listed as inactive in the frequency section. Is this MW station still active?

San Marino: I've found listings of a private experimental MW station and a government experimental high power MW station in the 1953 and 1955 editions of "Broadcasting Stations of the World" issued by the U.S. Foreign Broadcast Information Service, but no frequencies are listed.

U.S. Foreign Broadcast Information Service lists are archived at <http://libsysdigi.library.illinois.edu/oca/Books2007-07/broadcastingstat/>

The list of inactive MW stations, updated today, is available at <http://www.bamlog.com/darkcountries.htm>

-- (Bruce Conti, °BAMLog!★ [www.bamlog.com](http://www.bamlog.com) Aug 11, mwdx yg via DXLD)

Guinea: 1386 kHz? I don't think so. Was an rather easy catch here when it was active several years ago. If they are still on the air then it's on reduced power only. -- Tsch, (Martin Elbe, <http://home.wolfsburg.de/elbe/> ibid.)

Hi Bruce, With the Burkina and Guinea stations I would be inclined to trust the WRTH. The problem with EMWG is that stations get added but don't routinely get removed when they close. E.g., there are many UK

LPAM stations that have closed, in some cases stations which were planned by never really came on the air, which remain listed in EMWG years later! 73s (Dave Kenny, *ibid.*)

Hi Dave, True. Sometimes stations are off air and still listed as on air in the EMWG. The reason is that people are all too happy to announce that a station has gone on air, but remain silent when it goes off air. And what I do not know, I cannot change - especially not if I'm outside the listening area of the station concerned.

So my question to you is: if you knew of stations had gone off air but are still listed in the EMWG, why did you not tell me about it? Why did you prefer to have wrong information listed in a list that is used by so many?

So your criticism towards the EMWG is basically criticism towards yourself. After all, the EMWG is only as good as the feedback it gets from its users. The comparison with the WRTH is also a false one. The WRTH has a whole staff, I'm just the one person. Met vriendelijke groeten / Kind regards, (Herman - Boel, EWMG, mwdx yg via DXLD)

Hi Herman, I take your point but, with respect, its also up to an editor to do some research to find out which stations are active and remove defunct entries.

For the UK LPAM stations there is an online resource with all the information you need. You can find a definitive listing of UK LPAM/RSL stations on the British DX Club web site at:

<http://www.bdx.org.uk> ñ Articles Index Page

See - UK LPAM / RSL / Community Radio Mediumwave Log

Pages 3-4 list the active UK LPAM /RSL / CR stations. This document is regularly updated so you can safely delete any which are not listed there. (The rest of the document includes logs of both current and historic stations). If you have any queries about specific UK entries etc, do feel free to e-mail me off-list. 73s (Dave Kenny, *ibid.*)

I think Herman does his job very well. 73, (Maurits Van Driessche, *ibid.*)

Thank you Martin and Dave. I've emailed an inquiry to 1386 Guinea. Jean Burnell tells me that 1386 was logged at the 2011 Newfoundland DXpedition even though back then the 2011 WRTH listed it as inactive. Have not read of any more recent DX logs for 1008 Burkina Faso or 1386 Guinea, so I would presume WRTH to be correct, but want to be sure.  
-- (Bruce Conti, *ibid.*)

Regarding the Liechtenstein question, I have checked some radio

magazines from the period, with the following results:

#### Ruritarian Radio

It seems hard to realise that there are still some half a dozen countries without a regular broadcasting service. Their number will be reduced by the entry of Liechtenstein into the ranks of broadcasters. The Government of this small country has just notified its intention of building a 2 kW broadcasting station. A claim is being made to the wavelength of 1,429 metres (sic) and if this is persisted in a very serious problem of interference will arise.

Wireless World, 4 June 1937 page 533

#### Plan Foreign Station

VADUZ TRANSMITTER Ltd. has been formed in London to acquire concession to operate a broadcast station in the independent Principality of Liechtenstein, according to the New York Times. Organizers include David Allen & Sons Billposting Ltd., says the Times. Vaduz, Liechtenstein capital, is about 550 miles from London. The station would seek British advertising and presumably would complete (sic) with Radio Luxembourg which is serviced largely by British merchants, who are unable to buy time on the government-operated BBC.

Broadcasting Magazine 15 August 1938 page 28

LIECHTENSTEIN - If present plans materialize, this tiny Principality may soon have a short-wave station which will carry commercial sponsored programs beamed on Great Britain and North America.

Radio News December 1939 page 41

I don't think this project ever materialized. I believe there is at least one FM station operating from this country at present.

(Colin Miller, mwmasts yg via DXLD)

With a scarcity of information brought about by a deregulated market it is often difficult to keep abreast of just what is happening. I really think the only practical way of keeping information current is that we all help each other in reporting any changes that have been noted. Rather than sitting on one's backside waiting for someone else to do the work. In today's world all it takes is a quick email rather than paying a king's ransom on postage.

A potential source on information on silent medium wave stations and active stations too is the MW masts Yahoo Group

<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/mwmasts/>

The group is run by a guy who has spent a huge amount of time preparing data bases of medium wave stations that are active and inactive that will eventually encompass the entire world.

In my local market, Christchurch, New Zealand it would be a bonus if some of the 10 local MW stations (for a population of around 300,000) vanished without a trace. One very nearly did during the earthquake in 2011 when liquefaction at the transmitter site put the mast on a lean. 73s (Paul, NZ, mwdx yg via DXLD)

SAN MARINO:

Though at the time I wasn't even born (I missed those years only by a little), I never heard of such a station. There is nothing about it in those years' WRTBs as well.

In Franco Monteleone's "Storia della Radio e della Televisione in Italia, 1922-1992" ("History of Radio and TV in Italy"), a well documented book, there is no hint about MW transmissions from San Marino. Though it's an independent country, San Marino is a little enclave inside the Italian territory. Anyway, there are several hints about political struggle for the control of RAI, the monopolistic radio-TV organization in Italy at the time. There were plans by some political and economical powers to open the market for new, independent (or differently controlled, if you prefer) organizations.

San Marino, with its independence and its location inside Italy, could have been seen as an ideal site for Italian language radio and TV emissions, out of RAI's control. So I suppose that the San Marino MW station(s) was a plan, that actually never materialized.

We have to wait some 40 years more to hear a radio station from the San Marino Republic, but on FM only. And I'm just listening to its booming VHF signal while I'm typing these lines, as I live less than 60 km from there and I can see Mount Titano (the territory of San Marino) on my horizon.

Just my 2 cents; I'll try to get some more information about this interesting subject (Fabrizio Magrone (Forli, Italy), mwdx yg via DXLD)

Fabrizio, that is quite unusual. Luxemburg and Andorra etc. used their location heavily to broadcast to its neighbouring countries and earned a lot of money with that. So I wonder why San Marino didn't take that chance? (Jurgen Bartels Suellwarden, N. Germany, ibid.)

They were already making plenty of money with stamps? (gh, DXLD)

Wasn't San Marino active on shortwave sometime ago, although perhaps using foreign transmission facilities?

By the way, it wasn't my intention to cause controversy regarding the

status of EMWG vs. WRTM. Because I don't have the ability to receive the signals in question, I can only report findings from various references such as EMWG. Please consider it a contribution rather than a criticism when conflicting information is reported. Keeping up with broadcasting in Africa is especially challenging to say the least (Bruce Conti, *ibid.*)

Yes, there was a Radio San Marino station that was briefly active some years ago on short waves, but it was actually a pirate activity. I don't know for sure if it was actually transmitting from the San Marino territory or an adjacent Italian area. May be somebody can shed some light on this? ;-)

It's surely a matter of different political situation. The Republic of San Marino of course had and has important political and economical agreements with Italy, and as far as I know there was also something dealing with radio and TV broadcasting. Simply stated, broadcasts from San Marino to Italy, or even to its own territory, were forbidden by political agreement.

Only in the '90ies, with independent stations transmitting on FM all over Italy since long, broadcasting from San Marino began, but on a local (FM band) and commercial basis. There haven't ever been high-power transmissions competing with RAI. 73 (Fabrizio Magrone, *ibid.*)

I checked my QSL's because I remembered to have a Radio San Marino International QSL. And yes, I have a light green coloured letter marked "QSL nr. 000024". The letter confirms my reception report of November 9th, 1997 from 0919 to 1225 UT on 7395 LSB and 11410 USB, stating "It was the second test transmission of RSMI from the territory of the Republic of San Marino with the power of 0.3 kW and inverted-V antenna". The letter is signed and stamped by S. Gasperoni, C.E. Addresses on the letter are:

RSMI c/o Play DX, Via Davanzati n. 8, 20158 Milano, Italy

and

RSMI , PO Box 41 11 31, 55068, Mainz, Germany

RSMI@exactweb.com - <http://www.exactweb.com/RSMI>

The first address is the address of DXer Dario Monferini. If Dario is reading this list: please, can you let us know more about the station?

Although the letter states that the station transmits from the territory of the Republic of San Marino, I do remember that later there were indeed discussions if this was a pirate station or a legal station.

When Googling the German address you find several websites about the station, for example:

## RADIO SAN MARINO INTERNATIONAL CEASES TO EXIST

The discussion about the exact origin of the test broadcasts of Radio San Marino International is far from over, but for some time both their website and their email address have no longer been operational. The KIWI Radio Weekly of today (January 31, 1998) has published the following message, which leaves little doubt about this radio station's future: RSMI announced, that "due to excessive reaction of the San Marino government and postal authority, RSMI is forced to stop its broadcasts until further notice." (via HCDX / Willi Passmann <dx@passmann.e.ruhr.de>)

and

SAN MARINO - [non?]. Regarding allegations that R. San Marino Int'l is really from Mainz, Germany -- The station itself gives the address P O Box 41 11 31, 55068 Mainz as an alternative to c/o Play-DX, according to a QSL certificate reproduced in the Dec 15 Play-DX. Perhaps that is the source of the doubt; however, addresses are totally inconclusive, but so are RSMI's claims to be from San Marino. That's the trouble with pirates (Glenn Hauser, REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING and WORLD OF RADIO 923 / SW/DX Report 97-28, Dec 31, 1997)

73 (via Max van Arnhem, The Netherlands, ibid.)

## CONVENTIONS & CONFERENCES

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### W5KUB Live Webcast

\*It's time for the 2014 Huntsville Hamfest!!\* Please join us during our live, online webcast of the Huntsville Hamfest in Huntsville, Alabama this weekend, August 16 and 17.

To join the webcast go to <http://W5KUB.com> where the fun begins! During the hamfest, W5KUB will interview vendors regarding their latest products, special guests like Charlie Emerson (N4OKL) who represents Huntsville Hamfest; and many other guests. During the live webcast, you can meet and chat with other ham radio operators from all over the world.

You could be the winner of one of 35 prizes, valued at \$3,600, which will be awarded during the webcast! These prizes are made possible because of our relationship with partners such as GigaParts, Huntsville HamfestPrize Committee, Ten-Tec, NCG Company, Kantronics, ARRL, MFJ, and more. In the past year over \$10,000 in prizes were awarded! Of course, no purchase is necessary to win a prize because we

don't sell anything!! W5KUB is not affiliated with any products or companies.

Huntsville Hamfest webcast schedule:

Friday, August 15: 1400 UTC (9:00 AM CT) Live stream as we drive 200 miles and set up in the afternoon

Saturday, August 16: 1400 UTC - 2130 UTC (9:00 AM - 4:30 PM CT)  
Huntsville Hamfest

Sunday, August 17: 1400 UTC - 2000 UTC (9:00 AM - 3:00 PM CT)  
Huntsville Hamfest

Sunday, August 18: 2000 UTC (3:00 PM CT) Live stream as we drive 200 miles from Huntsville to Memphis (approximately 4 hours). There may be some prizes left that were not awarded during the hamfest!

Please join our group on Facebook at  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/w5kub/> to keep up with us year-round.

Also, please help spread the word by posting this announcement in Facebook and forwarding this message to your ham radio friends that may not have received this message! We'll 'see' you in Huntsville!

73 Tom Medlin, W5KUB <<http://w5kub.com/>>

(via Lynn Hollerman?, Aug 12, IRCA via DXLD)

INTERNATIONAL RADIO FESTIVAL TO FEATURE LIVE BROADCASTS, PIRATE RADIO  
ICON TONY PRINCE --- Zurich, Aug 21-Sept 7  
<http://www.billboard.com/articles/business/6214327/international-radio-festival-zurich>

Radio stations from Great Britain, Dubai, Germany and elsewhere will converge on Switzerland's capital later this month for the International Radio Festival. The event's fifth edition runs Aug. 21-Sept. 7 and is set take over Zurich's Kaufleuten Club, where music fans will get a first-hand look at how the medium works.

At IRF, radio stations from around the globe will host on-air shows in their local language that will broadcast online and on a pair of frequencies in Switzerland. Participating stations include BBC Radio One, Kiss FM Berlin, Kiss92 Singapore, RTL102.2 Milano, Star FM Dubai, Radio Nova Paris, Radio Romantika Moscow, XFM UK, SRF Virus Switzerland, Soho London Radio, Radio 24 Zurich, Ibiza Sonica, Radio Fiume Ticino, and web radio Creatures Of The Night.

The festival is the only international radio gathering to broadcast on-air programming, as opposed to just panels and keynote speeches.

Kiss FM creator Gordon Mac will be on hand to show off his new Mi-Soul internet radio, and there will be appearances by Soho Radio's Eddie Piller and film and music composers Lionel and Diego Baldenweg of Great Garbo. This year's IRF B2B Forum will be an informal roundtable discussion about U.K. radio and hosted by British radio legend Tony Prince and Mac, who is the IRF Advisory Board president.

Prince is also presenting a program called "Flashback Radio" to mark the 50th anniversary of legendary pirate radio station Radio Caroline, where he developed his identity as "your royal ruler" while broadcasting on a ship in the Irish Sea. He joined Radio Luxembourg in 1967 following the passing of the Marine Offences Act.

The Zurich-based IRF was founded in 2010 and brings together radio programmers, labels, managers, marketers and media (Billboard August 11, 2014 via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

#### RADIO PHILATELY +++++

Stamp Releases 75 years of DZRH 1939 - 2014

<https://www.phlpost.gov.ph/stamp-releases.php?id=3664>

DZRH was originally known as KZRH, for Radio Heacock, a commercial radio station established in 1939 by Samuel Gaches of the H.E Heacock Co.

During World War II, KZRH was the only radio station spared from being shut down by the Japanese occupation forces that used the station for propaganda purposes, It was through KZKH that the Japanese announced the surrender of U.S. and Philippine soldiers.

At the end of the World War II, the Elizalde family rebuilt the station. On July 15, 1949, after the proclamation of the second Philippine Republic, KZRH became the first radio station in the country to simultaneously broadcast in AM and short wave frequencies. The station's call sign was also changed to DZRH following a policy by the Switzerland Radio Commission that the prefix of call signs for all radio stations in the Philippines will have to change from K to D. DZRH is the flagship radio station of the Manila Broadcasting Company. The station is the only AM station that has the widest reach in the Philippines, simultaneously broadcasted via satellite and through its 18 relay stations strategically located throughout the country and also through audio-video streaming at <http://www.dzrhnews.com>

For 75 years now, and true to its tagline iBalita at Serbisyo, DZRH

continues to deliver reliable news and information and is strongly establishing Operation Tulong which gives immediate assistance to the public, both on air and on ground.

[https://www.phlpost.gov.ph/images/stamps/phlpost\\_stamp\\_2014717\\_2f23a2211a.jpg](https://www.phlpost.gov.ph/images/stamps/phlpost_stamp_2014717_2f23a2211a.jpg)  
-- (via Horacio Nigro, CX3BZ, "La Galena del Sur", Montevideo, Uruguay, radiostamps yg via DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- IBOC See OKLAHOMA: KOSU  
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DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DTV See MEXICO; OKLAHOMA; USA

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DRM See also FINLAND; GERMANY; NEW ZEALAND;  
+++++ PAKISTAN; ROMANIA; UNID 9350 17830 PUBS

Announcement on way: DRM-Digital Radio Mondiale is the future of digital radio. Highlights:

This year in Amsterdam we will demonstrate that DRM is becoming established, said Ruxandra Obreja, the consortium chairman.

During IBC we hope to make an exciting announcement to underline that: global, green and extremely cost-effective DRM is the future of digital radio.

IBC Sneak Peek: DRM Emphasizes Global Approach on 08.11.2014  
<http://www.radioworld.com/article/ibc-sneak-peek-drm-emphasizes-global-approach/271767>

Digital Radio Mondiale will be on hand during IBC2014 to provide the latest news and market developments on DRM30 and DRM+.

On Friday Sept. 12 the consortium will be present at the Ampegon booth from 4 p.m. at 8.D35, while on Saturday Sept. 13 it will join Nautel at 8.C49 from 3 to 5 p.m. for an event entitled iDRM-Building to a Billion and Beyond.

The gathering on Saturday, explains DRM, will highlight recent global progress of the standard.

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Other DRM members present at IBC2014 include Digidia, Fraunhofer IIs,

GatesAir, RFmondial, Thomson and Transradio.

IBC Stand: 8.D35, 8.C49 Info: <http://www.drm.org>  
(via Drita «iAo, Albania, DXLD)

RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM  
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INTERESTING INFO ON CODAR

We all suffer QRM from this to one extent or another and I've got a lot of this going on in my area. This is an interesting web page (with additional links) that describes the different frequency ranges, bandwidths, power levels and applications! (Bob LaRose, W6ACU, San Diego, Aug 8, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

HF RADAR Radiated Signal Specifications  
<http://cordc.ucsd.edu/projects/mapping/documents/specifications.php>

Excerpted from this page three different kinds in three different ranges:

Mid-Range Surface Current Mapping:  
Signal Specifications  
iOutput Transmit Power: 80W peak, 40W average  
iOperating Frequency: 11.5-14 MHz  
iModulation Format: Pulsed Swept Frequency: CW  
iPulse Repetition Frequency: 1-8 kHz  
iDuty Factor: 50%  
iSweep Width: 50-150 kHz (typical)  
iTotal Signal Bandwidth: 65-200 kHz (at -20 dB level)  
iPolarization: Vertical  
iCoverage Angle: 360

Long-Range Surface Current Mapping:  
Signal Specifications  
iOutput Transmit Power: 80W peak, 40W average  
iOperating Frequency: 4.3-5.4 MHz  
iModulation Format: Pulsed Swept Frequency: CW  
iPulse Repetition Frequency: 256-512 Hz  
iDuty Factor: 50%  
iSweep Width: 12-25 kHz (typical)  
iTotal Signal Bandwidth: 27-40 kHz (at -20 dB level)  
iPolarization: Vertical  
iCoverage Angle: 360

High-Resolution Surface Current Mapping:  
Signal Specifications

iOutput Transmit Power: 80W peak, 40W average  
iOperating Frequency: 24-27 MHz  
iModulation Format: Pulsed Swept Frequency: CW  
iPulse Repetition Frequency: 4-8 kHz  
iDuty Factor: 50%  
iSweep Width: 150-500 kHz (typical)  
iTotal Signal Bandwidth: 160-510 kHz (at -20 dB level)  
iPolarization: Vertical  
iCoverage Angle: 360

Also refers to Southern California Coastal Ocean Observing System  
<http://www.sccoos.org>  
(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

NEW RECEIVER WILL BE ON DISPLAY IN THE AOR HAM FAIR 2014 IN JAPAN

Here's the news release:  
<http://www.aor.co.jp/pdfs/20140722HamFair2014.pdf>  
Says it's a prototype of a new analog/digital tabletop receiver.  
(Martyn Williams, CA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Was hoping for a picture; Guess we'll have to wait a bit (John Figliozzi, NY, ibid.)

CAREFUL --- DON'T RECHARGE BATTERIES INSIDE RADIOS --- DEGEN, TECSUN

Recarregar pilhas em radios, CUIDADO!!! Boa noite a todos, Eu tenho lido sobre problemas de defeitos e problemas de recarregar pilhas recarregáveis em receptores de radios, principalmente da marca Degen e Tecsun.

Não façam isso, nunca recarregem nenhum jogo de pilhas nos seus receptores de radios, sejam quais forem as marcas, pois esse não é o procedimento correto para recarregar as pilhas recarregáveis.

Apesar de algumas empresas chinesas possuírem esse método errado de recarregar as pilhas dentro dos receptores, isso estraga as pilhas e o receptor.

Aos que se interessam por terem um jogo de 4 pilhas AA verdadeiramente Ótimas e de grande durabilidade, comprem um conjunto de pilhas Sony com o seu carregador original, NUNCA comprem em camelôs, comprem em lojas sérias de venda de produtos desse tipo e usem as pilhas até elas começarem a se esgotar no radio, logo a seguir recarregem de novo o conjunto e com esse procedimento vocês terão uma durabilidade muito grande e seus receptores ficarão isentos de defeitos que infelizmente muitas empresas chinesas, não interessadas com a confiabilidade e durabilidade de seus produtos,

erradamente recomendam fazerem o que n,,o se deve ser feito.

Os chineses poderiam estar anos luz à frente em tudo, mas ainda n,,o s,,o adeptos da qualidade, eles visam o lucro imediato sem nenhum controle de qualidade e de durabilidade, pode ser que aos poucos eles se conscientizem que a qualidade de um produto eleva muito uma empresa ou a credibilidade de uma nação.

Lembrem sempre de um velho ditado popular; "O barato sai caro" e esse caro muitas vezes poder· ser irreversível. Se vocês querem ter pilhas recarreg·veis de altíssima performance, comprem um jogo Sony Original com o seu recarregador original e vocês ter,,o pilhas por anos seguidos e uma durabilidade em seus radios imbatível.

Peguem as pilhas que vêm nos Degem ou nos Tecsun e segurem uma delas em uma das suas m,,es e uma Sony original na outra, o peso da Sony É muitas vezes maior que as pilhas horrendas que vêm nesses radios chineses, logo, alguma coisa de muito ruim as pilhas chinesas têm que ter. Espero ter podido ajudar aos colegas a n,,o caírem no "conto da sereia". Att (Alfredo Meurer Jr., ZY1-0001SWL, 8 Aug, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

#### SUPERCARGING THE ICF-2010 SSB RECEIVER

Hello All, For those who are interested, a major update of the May 2008 article (posted at <http://www.mediafire.com/view/404c610xxbd992n/SuperchargingtheICF2010LargeComplete.doc> to greatly increase the MW and LW band sensitivity of the classic Sony ICF-2010 SSB receiver) is in the works. The updated article should be completed during the Fall season, and will provide specific instructions for transplanting and securing a much more sensitive loopstick into the Sony portable's circuitry. The new loopstick will be based upon recent Litz wire improvements.

The ICF-2010 SSB receiver is an ideal portable for tracking transoceanic DX station carriers during Ultralight radio ocean coast DXpeditions, although its relatively deaf stock loopstick has nowhere near the sensitivity of modern FSL antennas. Performing the loopstick transplant will correct this deficiency, and enable the ICF-2010 to accurately track weak SSB carriers that are easily within the reception capability of the new FSL's. After four major DXpeditions using a stock ICF-2010, I finally got tired of the stock model's failure to show even a weak carrier on DU stations that managed good audio with the new FSL's. Of course, even if an ICF-2010 owner has no interest in Ultralight radios or DXpeditions, the loopstick transplant will still boost the MW and LW sensitivity of the model, providing a great increase in DXing satisfaction.

For those who are interested in purchasing an ICF-2010 for this purpose, care should be taken to obtain a fully functional model. None of these radios were manufactured recently, and many eBay sellers are not DXers or radio enthusiasts, but simply ordinary people trying to sell something that they accidentally came across. Carefully check the feedback of any eBay seller before purchasing, and make sure that they are knowledgeable about the ICF-2010 and its functions before trusting any claim of perfect performance. 73, Gary DeBock (in Puyallup, WA, USA), Aug 12, IRCA via DXLD)

Wonder why he calls it an ``SSB receiver`` --- can you imagine a receiver which gets SSB only? Yes, it tunes AM and FM too, not to mention CW (gh, DXLD)

Hi Gary, You give some very good cautions about purchasing these oldies but goodies -- the Sony ICF-2010. On the flip side though, sellers unfamiliar with the 2010s can also be the source of great bargains on Ebay! Because they are unaware of proper operation or common, easily fixed problems with the receiver, some of these fine radios go for far less than their real value. At least three of the 2010s that I've owned were bought at a low price because the reseller didn't know to install the memories backup batteries before powering on the set, or they weren't aware of the simple-to-fix battery contact connection issues. I was also given a fine condition 2010 that simply needed a cleaning of the keypad's rubber membrane contact surfaces to become operational again.

I bought my current 2010 for the princely "Buy It Now" sum of \$9.00 and free shipping ("Doesn't work... I want it outta here" said the Ebay seller). In less than 15 minutes after arrival I had the battery contact issue fixed and was listening to RNZI with the radio. This one is in excellent physical condition, too. A few months later, the previous owner unexpectedly sent me the original Sony AC adapter, the Sony carrying strap for the 2010, and the Sony 2010 long wire antenna. He had located the items at home and wanted to send them along. It was harder to convince him to accept reimbursement for shipping costs of the accessories than it was to fix the radio :^)

So, for the same reasons a claimed fully functioning ICF-2010 might not be accurately represented, a broken or dead ICF-2010 might not be what it seems, either. PS -- I'm looking forward to your revised Supercharged 2010 article, Gary! 73, (Guy Atkins, Puyallup, WA, IRCA via DXLD)

Granted, the Sony ICF-2010 had its disadvantages (not worth a darn when it comes to FM DXing. 73 (Rick Dau, South Omaha, Nebraska, ibid.)

## NO AM BANDS IN ELECTRIC CARS BECAUSE OF INTERFERENCE?

Radio World: NAB Asks BMW to Rethink Leaving out AM for i3

<http://www.radioworld.com/article/nab-asks-bmw-to-rethink-leaving-out-am-for-i/271798>

NAB has asked BMW to reconsider leaving out the AM portion of the radio in the dashboard of the i3 electric vehicle. Reports from Europe indicate BMW has removed both the AM portion of the radio and CD player from the dash of this model.

NAB President/CEO Gordon Smith says in a letter to BMW of North America President/CEO Ludwig Willisch that the broadcast lobby was saddened to hear of the change and hopes the automaker would reconsider the AM decision.

NAB appreciates BMW's concern that the i3's electric motor could cause interference with AM signals and leave customers frustrated. However BMW's electric car competitors have addressed this AM signal interference sufficiently enough that their vehicles still come equipped with AM radio, writes Smith, who notes the NAB and its broadcast members are working with the FCC to address interference challenges on the AM band.

The broadcast lobby executive offers NAB's help, to address any concerns you may have regarding AM radio, noting that the country's thousands of local broadcasters welcome a partnership with BMW that includes AM radio on the dashboard of all your vehicles.

AM radio is not a thing of the past, notes Smith who references AM's place in current events. Even today, legendary AM stations like WFAN in New York and WLW in Cincinnati serve as the flagship stations for professional teams like the Yankees and Reds in Major League Baseball and the Giants and Bengals in the National Football League. Recently, the defending Stanley Cup champion Los Angeles Kings signed a deal to be on AM station KABC for the next five years.

In smaller town, Smith says, AM radio stations are often the only media source providing emergency information when a horrific storm is approaching. In cities large and small, AM radio is the first line of defense in a crisis, and a galvanizing force in helping to rebuild communities recovering from disaster, according to Smith (via Kim Elliott, dxldyg via DXLD)

Which probably means a car radio with shortwave bands in an electric vehicle is problematic (Kim Elliott, dxldyg via DXLD)

Kintronic Labs-Radio World Article

The August 1st edition of Radio World included a short blurb about Kintronic Labs titled "Promotes Quality AM Radio".

The company's president is advancing the idea that the FCC should mandate a minimum set of technical standards for AM radio receivers to allow AM radio reception quality to compete with that of FM. They have a demonstration that includes the use of adaptive filtering and noise blanking to help combat noise problems. They're also proposing that receivers offer greater bandwidth than those currently offered by most receivers.

The article also mentions Kintronic being a long time advocate of the increased use of synchronous AM repeaters.

I assume this would be similar to those offered by high-end Part 15 transmitter options, which allow the broadcaster to synchronize several smaller transmitters across an area, allowing a station to achieve more uniform coverage than can be achieved using a single monopole antenna and transmitter. I've heard the Part 15 versions of this type of technology, and they can work amazingly well.

Did anyone ever copy transmissions from their short-monopole station, WS2XTR on 1680 KHz from Evergreen Hills, VA back in 2002? They successfully demonstrated a short vertical (only 45 feet tall) that had 98% of the efficiency of a quarter-wavelength antenna, according to their press release. I can't tell if they've sold or installed any of these short monopole antennas at commercial locations since then.

I know some 160 Meter operators who might love to learn more about the design! 73, (Les Rayburn, N1LF, Maylene, AL, EM63, amfmtvdx via DXLD)

PROPAGATION

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LISTEN TO PERSEID RADIO PINGS ON THE INTERNET

Southgate, August 6, 2014

<http://www.southgatearc.org/news/2014/august/>

[listen\\_to\\_perseid\\_radio\\_pings\\_on\\_the\\_internet.htm#.U-O\\_VI10zDc](http://www.southgatearc.org/news/2014/august/listen_to_perseid_radio_pings_on_the_internet.htm#.U-O_VI10zDc)

JoAnne K9JKM reminds us that radio pings from meteors can be heard via the internet. The Perseid meteor shower peak is predicted to occur between August 11 to 13, 2014. There are a few pre-peak pings already audible. The activity should increase over the next several days.

Quoting from their web page here is how they do it:

The US Air Force Space Surveillance Radar has been shut down, but

we're still recording meteor echoes. How do we do it? Radio engineer Stan Nelson uses a Yagi antenna in New Mexico to detect 54 MHz TV signals reflected from meteor trails. When a meteor passes over his observatory--ping!--there is an echo.

Web streaming of the Perseid is on-line at:  
<http://spaceweatherradio.com/>  
(via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

Not ``over`` the observatory but somewhere around halfway between it and the transmitter, duh! Of which there are NO full-power ones left on analog channel 2 in the USA, (55.24, 55.25 or 55.26 MHz video; audio 4.5 MHz higher) but several in Canada, Cuba, and a lot in Mexico. Or has this been adapted for the DTV ch 2 carriers, wherever they are? FM band is easier (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Meteor DX on NPR

Anyone else hear Science Friday's feature on the Perseid Meteors? Irais guest, a radio astronomer, talked about how one can listen to the shower by way of an FM radio. Unfortunately, she didn't get it quite right. She started out just fine, explaining that a meteor's trail leave a bunch of charged particles in the atmosphere and that FM radio signals could bounce off of them. Unfortunately, she went on to say that the way to hear the effect was to tune into a station that you could normally barely hear, and that a meteor's trail would enhance the signal. Here's the link to the show.  
<http://sciencefriday.com/>  
(Rich McVicar, NY, Aug 9, WTFDA via DXLD)

NO SUNSPOTS FOR A WEEK

Solar activity has been very unusual: On July 06 and 08 the solar flux reached the maximum value of 201. But on July 19 it fell down to the minimum value of 86! At the same time NO sunspots were reported by Boulder NOAA Service in the period July 16-23! Very strange! (DSWCI-0099 Anker Petersen, Skovlunde, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window Aug 6 via DXLD)

:Product: Weekly Highlights and Forecasts  
:Issued: 2014 Aug 11 0136 UTC  
# Prepared by the US Dept. of Commerce, NOAA, Space Weather Prediction Center  
# Product description and SWPC contact on the Web  
# <http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/weekly.html>  
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# Weekly Highlights and Forecasts  
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## Highlights of Solar and Geomagnetic Activity 04 - 10 August 2014

Solar activity was at low levels throughout the period. The largest event of the period was a C4/1n flare on 08 Aug at 1701 UTC from Region 2135 (N11, L=129, class/area=Dho/250 on 08 Aug). Regions 2130 (S07, L=229, class/area=Dkc/290 on 31 Jul) and 2132 (S21, L=212, class/area=Eac/230 on 08 Aug) produced only low-to-mid level C-class flare activity and were the most prominent regions of this period.

No Earth-directed coronal mass ejections (CMEs) were observed this period, however, a far-sided full-halo CME was observed in SOHO LASCO coronagraph imagery between 1555-1636 UTC on 08 Aug. This CME was associated with flare activity from old Region 2126 (S09, L=327).

No proton events were observed at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit was at normal levels on 04-05 Aug with normal to moderate levels observed on 06-10 Aug, reaching a maximum flux value of 908 pfu at 1640 UTC on 07 Aug.

Geomagnetic field activity was at quiet levels on 07 and 09 Aug with quiet to unsettled levels observed on 04-06, and 08 Aug. Quiet conditions with an isolated period of active conditions (1800-2100 UTC) were observed on 10 Aug, with the active period resulting from the influence of a negative polarity coronal hole high speed steam.

## FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 11 AUGUST-06 SEPTEMBER 2014

Solar activity is expected to be low throughout the outlook period. No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit. The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be at normal to moderate levels throughout the outlook period.

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be quiet for 12, 14-21, 23, 25-27, 30 Aug, and 03-05 Sep. Quiet to unsettled conditions are expected for 11, 13, 22, 24, 28-29 Aug, 01-02, and 06 Aug due to weak influence from coronal hole high speed streams (CH HSS). Quiet to active conditions are expected for 31 Aug due to moderate CH HSS effects.

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# <http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/wwire.html>

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# 27-day Space Weather Outlook Table

# Issued 2014-08-11

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| #           | UTC  | Radio Flux | Planetary | Largest  |
|-------------|------|------------|-----------|----------|
| #           | Date | 10.7 cm    | A Index   | Kp Index |
| 2014 Aug 11 |      | 105        | 8         | 3        |
| 2014 Aug 12 |      | 105        | 5         | 2        |
| 2014 Aug 13 |      | 100        | 8         | 3        |
| 2014 Aug 14 |      | 100        | 5         | 2        |
| 2014 Aug 15 |      | 95         | 5         | 2        |
| 2014 Aug 16 |      | 95         | 5         | 2        |
| 2014 Aug 17 |      | 95         | 5         | 2        |
| 2014 Aug 18 |      | 95         | 5         | 2        |
| 2014 Aug 19 |      | 95         | 5         | 2        |
| 2014 Aug 20 |      | 95         | 5         | 2        |
| 2014 Aug 21 |      | 100        | 5         | 2        |
| 2014 Aug 22 |      | 110        | 8         | 3        |
| 2014 Aug 23 |      | 115        | 5         | 2        |
| 2014 Aug 24 |      | 115        | 8         | 3        |
| 2014 Aug 25 |      | 120        | 5         | 2        |
| 2014 Aug 26 |      | 120        | 5         | 2        |
| 2014 Aug 27 |      | 125        | 5         | 2        |
| 2014 Aug 28 |      | 130        | 8         | 3        |
| 2014 Aug 29 |      | 125        | 8         | 3        |
| 2014 Aug 30 |      | 125        | 5         | 2        |
| 2014 Aug 31 |      | 125        | 12        | 4        |
| 2014 Sep 01 |      | 125        | 10        | 3        |
| 2014 Sep 02 |      | 125        | 8         | 3        |
| 2014 Sep 03 |      | 120        | 5         | 2        |
| 2014 Sep 04 |      | 115        | 5         | 2        |
| 2014 Sep 05 |      | 110        | 5         | 2        |
| 2014 Sep 06 |      | 110        | 8         | 3        |

(SWPC via WORLD OF RADIO 1734, DXLD) ###